

Chapter 15 – Rural Residential



Overview

This zone provides for Rural Residential living in the City on land that is unsuitable for urban development.

Rural Residential Zoning is characterised by low density development with large lot sizes and open space for recreation, gardens and opportunities for rural production activities.



Current Rules

- Minimum site size of 3000m² (with an average not less than 4000m²) with majority of services to be provided for on-site (eg. wastewater, stormwater etc).
- One house per lot.
- Provision for small scale home-based businesses (limited in size and staff).



Key Changes Proposed

- Minimum site size (along with most other provisions) remain unchanged.
- Amend to allow for one 'main' house and one small 'secondary' house (maximum 80m²).
- Buildings to only cover 30% of a lot to ensure any activity is still of a 'rural residential' nature.
- Small scale home-based businesses and rural production still provided for – any other non-residential activity to be considered by Council.



Reason for the Change

- A secondary house can be used for dependent relatives or for rental purposes by owners of the main house.
- The 30% site coverage restriction ensures that activity on site is still of rural-residential nature.

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