

6.2.15 Environmental management and conservation zone code

6.2.15.1 Application

- (1) This code applies to assessable development:-
 - (a) within the Environmental management and conservation zone as identified on the zoning maps contained within **Schedule 2 (Mapping)**; and
 - (b) identified as requiring assessment against the Environmental management and conservation zone code by the tables of assessment in **Part 5 (Tables of assessment)**.
- (2) All provisions in this code are assessment benchmarks for applicable assessable development.

6.2.15.2 Purpose and overall outcomes

- (1) The purpose of the Environmental management and conservation zone code is to provide for the protection and rehabilitation of land to maintain biodiversity, ecological processes, coastal processes, water quality, landscape character, scenic amenity, cultural heritage significance and community well-being.
- (2) The purpose of the Environmental management and conservation zone code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:-
 - (a) areas identified as having natural environmental values in terms of biological diversity, water catchment management, ecological functioning, beach protection or coastal management, and/or historical or cultural significance are:-
 - (i) protected for their importance in contributing to ecological sustainability; and
 - (ii) appropriately managed to the general exclusion of most forms of development;
 - (b) *parks, environmental facilities* and associated activities may be established in the zone where such development:-
 - (i) supports environmental values and provides opportunities for appreciation or study of those values;
 - (ii) promotes *nature-based tourism* activities and other low intensity, low key activities that are compatible with and have a direct connection to the protection of the environmental values; and
 - (iii) provides opportunities for recreational pursuits that have a direct connection with, and are consistent with the protection and appreciation of, the environmental values;
 - (c) low impact *utility installations* may also be established where such activities are:-
 - (i) unable to practicably be located elsewhere;
 - (ii) compatible with the primary use of the Environmental management and conservation zone for environmental protection and rehabilitation activities; and
 - (iii) located, designed and operated to avoid any adverse impacts on ecological systems and processes;
 - (d) development is located, designed and managed so as to:-
 - (i) conserve *ecologically important areas* and the other natural features of the *site* and the setting;
 - (ii) maintain the scenic value and visual quality of the area, particularly prominent ridgelines, escarpments, significant landmarks, important view corridors and vistas;
 - (iii) be sympathetic and respectful to places of cultural significance;
 - (iv) minimise excavation and filling and other changes to landform;
 - (v) minimise soil erosion, landslip and siltation of waterways and achieve *best practice* catchment management practices;
 - (vi) maintain the safety of people, buildings, *infrastructure* and works;
 - (vii) where effluent treatment is required, provide for the sustainable on-site treatment and disposal of effluent; and

- (viii) wherever possible, utilise existing cleared and degraded areas for the placement of buildings and related works;
- (e) development provides for *infrastructure* and services that are commensurate with the very limited range of small scale and low-key activities that are expected to occur in the zone;
- (f) development does not adversely impact on existing or planned future *infrastructure*; and
- (g) development provides for the following:-
 - (i) a use listed as a consistent use in column 1 of **Table 6.2.15.2.1 (Consistent uses and potentially consistent uses in the Environmental management and conservation zone)** to occur in the Environmental management and conservation zone; and
 - (ii) a use listed as a potentially consistent use in column 2 of **Table 6.2.15.2.1** to occur in the Environmental management and conservation zone only where further assessment has determined that the use is appropriate in the zone having regard to such matters as its location, nature, scale and intensity.

Note—a use not listed in of **Table 6.2.15.2.1** is an inconsistent use and is not intended to occur in the Environmental management and conservation zone.

Table 6.2.15.2.1 Consistent uses and potentially consistent uses in the Environmental management and conservation zone

Column 1 Consistent Uses	Column 2 Potentially Consistent Uses
<i>Sport and recreation activities</i>	
<i>Park</i>	<i>Outdoor sport and recreation</i> (where for low impact activities)
<i>Other activities</i>	
(a) <i>Environment facility</i> (where located on <i>Council</i> owned or controlled land and undertaken by or on behalf of the <i>Council</i>)	None
(b) <i>Utility installation</i> (where a <i>local utility</i>)	