



KNOW YOUR LAND USE ZONE

Rural residential zone

The Rural residential zone provides for low intensity residential living on large semi-rural sites within a rural residential node and generally located outside of urban areas. Most rural residential areas are not fully serviced by urban infrastructure (such as reticulated sewerage) due to their distance from an urban area. Rural activities such as cropping and grazing are limited in intensity to minimise residential amenity impacts.

Where the zone is within urban areas, the intent of the zone is to either retain the character and amenity of large sites or prevent development intensification due to significant land and/or environmental constraints.

Development expected in the zone includes low intensity residential development (dwelling house) and a limited range of agricultural activities (roadside stall, wholesale nursery, cropping).

Development not expected in the zone includes intensive rural activities, higher density residential, commercial, community or industrial uses.

Development in the zone:

- is low rise (up to 2 storeys).
- integrates with the semi-rural amenity and landscape character of the local area.
- is located to avoid conflicts between land uses and mapped development constraints.
- maintains, enhances and responds to high value ecological features and the physical constraints of the land.

For further information or planning advice, please submit a [planning enquiry](#), call 1300 MACKAY to speak with a planner, or request a [pre-lodgement meeting](#) to discuss a development proposal. Scan the QR code to access Council's [planning scheme](#).



Disclaimer: This zone card is a guide and does not replace or override the Mackay Region Planning Scheme (as amended). Whilst care has been taken regarding the accuracy of the information provided here, the Mackay Region Planning Scheme will prevail over any conflicts with this zone card. Further planning advice should be sought from council for a development proposal. Lodgement of a development application may raise other matters not identified on this card and the information provided here does not bind council in any way when considering a future development application. Images used are indicative.

Examples of development likely to be in the Rural residential zone:



Dwelling house



Cropping



Wholesale nursery



Roadside stall

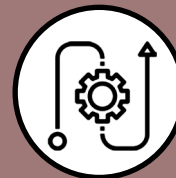


Home-based business



Rural industry

Development considerations when assessing a development application:



Development form



Lot size



Amenity impacts & development constraints



Access



Overlays



Servicing & infrastructure