### Environmental management and conservation zone code

#### Application

This code applies to development:-

1. within the Environmental management and conservation zone as identified on the zone maps contained in **Schedule 2 (Mapping)**; and
2. identified as requiring assessment against the Environmental management and conservation zone code by the tables of assessment in Part 5 (Tables of assessment).

#### Purpose and overall outcomes

1. The purpose of the Environmental management and conservation zone is to provide for the protection and maintenance of areas that support one or more of the following:-
   1. biological diversity;
   2. ecological integrity;
   3. naturally occurring land forms;
   4. coastal processes.
2. The purpose of the Environmental management and conservation zone code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:-
   1. significant natural environmental values in the zone are protected for their importance in contributing to ecological sustainability;
   2. development provides for the preservation, protection and rehabilitation of land to maintain biodiversity, ecological processes, wildlife movement corridors, coastal processes, water quality, scenic amenity, cultural heritage significance and community wellbeing;
   3. small scale and low key activities that support the community’s appreciation and enjoyment of environmental values are facilitated;
   4. low impact utility installations may be provided where significant adverse impacts are avoided or mitigated;
   5. development maintains scenic values and landscape character; and
   6. development encourages and facilitates the efficient provision and safe operation of physical and social infrastructure and ensures that public safety and environmental health is maintained.

#### Specific benchmarks for assessment

**Table 6.2.13.3.1 Benchmarks for assessable development**

| **Performance outcomes** | **Acceptable outcomes** | **Compliance / Representations** |
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| ***Land use composition*** | | |
| **PO1**  Most forms of development do not occur in the Environmental management and conservation zone to ensure that significant natural environmental values for biological diversity, water catchment, ecological functioning, beach protection or coastal management, and historical or cultural significance are protected and appropriately managed. | **AO1**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Provide a brief description how your proposal complies with the relevant Acceptable outcome (if applicable) or a detailed analysis how compliance is achieved with the Performance outcome. |
| **PO2**  Parks and associated recreation activities and facilities may be established in the zone, where such development:-   1. supports environmental values and provides opportunities for appreciation or study of those values; 2. promotes nature-based tourism activities and other low intensity, low key activities that are compatible with and have a direct connection with the environmental values; and 3. provides opportunities for recreational pursuits that have a direct connection with the environmental values of the land. | **AO2**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Click and provide your representations. |
| **PO3**  Low impact utility installations may be provided where such activities are located, designed and operated to avoid or mitigate significant adverse impacts on ecological systems and processes. | **AO3**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Click and provide your representations. |
| ***Scenic values and landscape character*** | | |
| **PO4**  Development maintains the scenic values and landscape character of the zone, particularly prominent ridgelines, escarpments, significant landmarks, and important views and vistas. | **AO4**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Click and provide your representations. |
| ***Protection and buffering of natural features*** | | |
| **PO5**  Natural features such as creeks, gullies, watercourses, wetlands, flora and fauna communities, habitats, vegetation and bushland are protected and buffered from activities in the zone and adjoining land uses. | **AO5**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Click and provide your representations. |
| ***Infrastructure and services*** | | |
| **PO6**  Where infrastructure and services are to be provided to service development in the zone, they are:-   1. commensurate with the very limited range of small scale and low-key activities that are intended to occur in the zone; and 2. designed, installed and operated to maintain public safety and environmental health. | **AO6**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Click and provide your representations. |
| **PO7**  Development does not adversely impact on the continued operation, viability and maintenance of existing infrastructure or compromise the future provision of planned infrastructure. | **AO7**  No acceptable outcome provided. | Click and provide your representations. |