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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1.1 Name of Plan

This Plan is *Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009*.

### 1.1AA Commencement

This Plan commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

### 1.2 Aims of Plan

- (1) This Plan aims to make local environmental planning provisions for land in Muswellbrook in accordance with the relevant standard environmental planning instrument under section 3.20 of the Act.
- (2) The particular aims of this Plan are as follows—
  - (aa) to protect and promote the use and development of land for arts and cultural activity, including music and other performance arts,
  - (a) to encourage the proper management of the natural and human-made resources of Muswellbrook by protecting, enhancing or conserving—
    - (i) productive agricultural land, and
    - (ii) timber, minerals, soils, water and other natural resources, and
    - (iii) areas of significance for nature conservation, and
    - (iv) areas of high scenic or recreational value, and
    - (v) places and buildings of archaeological or heritage significance,
  - (b) to manage the urban areas of Muswellbrook by strengthening retail hierarchies and employment opportunities, promoting appropriate tourism development, guiding affordable urban form and providing for the protection of heritage items and precincts,

- (c) to promote ecologically sustainable urban and rural development,
- (d) to manage development in flood-prone areas by ensuring any obstruction, re-direction or pollution of flood waters will not have adverse consequences for the environment or increase the risk of endangering life or property,
- (e) to enhance the urban amenity and habitat for flora and fauna,
- (f) to protect and conserve—
  - (i) soil stability by controlling development in accordance with land capability, and
  - (ii) remnant native vegetation, and
  - (iii) water resources, water quality and wetland areas, natural flow patterns and their catchments and buffer areas,
- (g) to provide a secure future for agriculture by expanding Muswellbrook's economic base and minimising the loss or fragmentation of productive agricultural land,
- (h) to allow flexibility in the planning framework so as to encourage orderly, economic and equitable development while safeguarding the community's interests and residential amenity, and to achieve the objectives of each zone mentioned in Part 2 of this Plan.

### **1.3 Land to which Plan applies**

This Plan applies to the land identified on the [Land Application Map](#).

### **1.4 Definitions**

The Dictionary at the end of this Plan defines words and expressions for the purposes of this Plan.

### **1.5 Notes**

Notes in this Plan are provided for guidance and do not form part of this Plan.

### **1.6 Consent authority**

The consent authority for the purposes of this Plan is (subject to the Act) the Council.

### **1.7 Maps**

- (1) A reference in this Plan to a named map adopted by this Plan is a reference to a map by that name—
  - (a) approved by the local plan-making authority when the map is adopted, and
  - (b) as amended or replaced from time to time by maps declared by environmental planning instruments to amend or replace that map, and approved by the local

plan-making authority when the instruments are made.

(1AA) (Repealed)

- (2) Any 2 or more named maps may be combined into a single map. In that case, a reference in this Plan to any such named map is a reference to the relevant part or aspect of the single map.
- (3) Any such maps are to be kept and made available for public access in accordance with arrangements approved by the Minister.
- (4) For the purposes of this Plan, a map may be in, and may be kept and made available in, electronic or paper form, or both.

**Note—**

The maps adopted by this Plan are to be made available on the NSW Planning Portal. Requirements relating to the maps are set out in the documents entitled *Standard technical requirements for LEP maps* and *Standard requirements for LEP GIS data* which are available on the website of the Department of Planning and Environment.

## **1.8 Repeal of planning instruments applying to land**

- (1) All local environmental plans and deemed environmental planning instruments applying only to the land to which this Plan applies are repealed.

**Note—**

The following local environmental plans are repealed under this provision—

*Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 1985.*

- (2) All local environmental plans and deemed environmental planning instruments applying to the land to which this Plan applies and to other land cease to apply to the land to which this Plan applies.

### **1.8A Savings provision relating to pending development applications**

If a development application has been made before the commencement of this Plan in relation to land to which this Plan applies and the application has not been finally determined before that commencement, the application must be determined as if this Plan had not commenced.

## **1.9 Application of SEPPs**

- (1) This Plan is subject to the provisions of any State environmental planning policy that prevails over this Plan as provided by section 3.28 of the Act.
- (2) The following State environmental planning policies (or provisions) do not apply to the land to which this Plan applies—

*Hunter Regional Environmental Plan 1989 (Heritage)*



### **1.9A Suspension of covenants, agreements and instruments**

- (1) For the purpose of enabling development on land within any zone to be carried out in accordance with this Plan or with a consent granted under the Act, any agreement, covenant or other similar instrument that restricts the carrying out of that development does not apply to the extent necessary to serve that purpose.
- (2) This clause does not apply—
  - (a) to a covenant imposed by the Council or that the Council requires to be imposed, or
  - (b) to any relevant instrument within the meaning of section 13.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, or
  - (c) to any conservation agreement within the meaning of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, or
  - (d) to any Trust agreement within the meaning of the *Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001*, or
  - (e) to any property vegetation plan within the meaning of the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*, or
  - (f) to any biobanking agreement within the meaning of Part 7A of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, or
  - (g) to any planning agreement within the meaning of Subdivision 2 of Division 7.1 of the Act.
- (3) This clause does not affect the rights or interests of any public authority under any registered instrument.
- (4) Under section 3.16 of the Act, the Governor, before the making of this clause, approved of subclauses (1)–(3).

## **Part 2 Permitted or prohibited development**

### **2.1 Land use zones**

The land use zones under this Plan are as follows—

#### **Rural Zones**

RU1 Primary Production

RU3 Forestry

RU5 Village

**Residential Zones**

- R1 General Residential
- R5 Large Lot Residential

**Employment Zones**

- E1 Local Centre
- E2 Commercial Centre
- E3 Productivity Support
- E4 General Industrial

**Special Purpose Zones**

- SP2 Infrastructure

**Recreation Zones**

- RE1 Public Recreation
- RE2 Private Recreation

**Conservation Zones**

- C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves
- C3 Environmental Management

**Waterway Zones**

- W1 Natural Waterways

**2.2 Zoning of land to which Plan applies**

For the purposes of this Plan, land is within the zones shown on the [Land Zoning Map](#).

**2.3 Zone objectives and Land Use Table**

- (1) The Land Use Table at the end of this Part specifies for each zone—
  - (a) the objectives for development, and
  - (b) development that may be carried out without development consent, and
  - (c) development that may be carried out only with development consent, and
  - (d) development that is prohibited.
- (2) The consent authority must have regard to the objectives for development in a zone when determining a development application in respect of land within the zone.

(3) In the Land Use Table at the end of this Part—

- (a) a reference to a type of building or other thing is a reference to development for the purposes of that type of building or other thing, and
- (b) a reference to a type of building or other thing does not include (despite any definition in this Plan) a reference to a type of building or other thing referred to separately in the Land Use Table in relation to the same zone.

(4) This clause is subject to the other provisions of this Plan.

**Notes—**

- 1 Schedule 1 sets out additional permitted uses for particular land.
- 2 Schedule 2 sets out exempt development (which is generally exempt from both Parts 4 and 5 of the Act). Development in the land use table that may be carried out without consent is nevertheless subject to the environmental assessment and approval requirements of Part 5 of the Act.
- 3 Schedule 3 sets out complying development (for which a complying development certificate may be issued as an alternative to obtaining development consent).
- 4 Clause 2.6 requires consent for subdivision of land.
- 5 Part 5 contains other provisions which require consent for particular development.

**2.4 Unzoned land**

- (1) Development may be carried out on unzoned land only with development consent.
- (2) In deciding whether to grant development consent, the consent authority—
  - (a) must consider whether the development will impact on adjoining zoned land and, if so, consider the objectives for development in the zones of the adjoining land, and
  - (b) must be satisfied that the development is appropriate and is compatible with permissible land uses in any such adjoining land.

**2.5 Additional permitted uses for particular land**

- (1) Development on particular land that is described or referred to in Schedule 1 may be carried out—
  - (a) with development consent, or
  - (b) if the Schedule so provides—without development consent,in accordance with the conditions (if any) specified in that Schedule in relation to that development.
- (2) This clause has effect despite anything to the contrary in the Land Use Table or other provision of this Plan.

## 2.6 Subdivision—consent requirements

- (1) Land to which this Plan applies may be subdivided, but only with development consent.

### Notes—

**1** If a subdivision is specified as **exempt development** in an applicable environmental planning instrument, such as this Plan or *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*, the Act enables it to be carried out without development consent.

**2** Part 6 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* provides that the strata subdivision of a building in certain circumstances is **complying development**.

- (2) Development consent must not be granted for the subdivision of land on which a secondary dwelling is situated if the subdivision would result in the principal dwelling and the secondary dwelling being situated on separate lots, unless the resulting lots are not less than the minimum size shown on the [Lot Size Map](#) in relation to that land.

### Note—

The definition of **secondary dwelling** in the Dictionary requires the dwelling to be on the same lot of land as the principal dwelling.

## 2.7 Demolition requires development consent

The demolition of a building or work may be carried out only with development consent.

### Note—

If the demolition of a building or work is identified in an applicable environmental planning instrument, such as this Plan or *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*, as exempt development, the Act enables it to be carried out without development consent.

## 2.8 Temporary use of land

- (1) The objective of this clause is to provide for the temporary use of land if the use does not compromise future development of the land, or have detrimental economic, social, amenity or environmental effects on the land.
- (2) Despite any other provision of this Plan, development consent may be granted for development on land in any zone for a temporary use for a maximum period of 52 days (whether or not consecutive days) in any period of 12 months.
- (3) Development consent must not be granted unless the consent authority is satisfied that—
  - (a) the temporary use will not prejudice the subsequent carrying out of development on the land in accordance with this Plan and any other applicable environmental planning instrument, and
  - (b) the temporary use will not adversely impact on any adjoining land or the amenity of the neighbourhood, and
  - (c) the temporary use and location of any structures related to the use will not

adversely impact on environmental attributes or features of the land, or increase the risk of natural hazards that may affect the land, and

(d) at the end of the temporary use period the land will, as far as is practicable, be restored to the condition in which it was before the commencement of the use.

(4) Despite subclause (2), the temporary use of a dwelling as a sales office for a new release area or a new housing estate may exceed the maximum number of days specified in that subclause.

(5) Subclause (3) (d) does not apply to the temporary use of a dwelling as a sales office mentioned in subclause (4).

## **2.9 Canal estate development prohibited**

(1) Canal estate development is prohibited on land to which this Plan applies.

(2) In this Plan, **canal estate development** means development that involves—

(a) a constructed canal, or other waterway or waterbody, that—

(i) is inundated by surface water or groundwater movement, or

(ii) drains to a waterway or waterbody by surface water or groundwater movement, and

(b) the erection of a dwelling, and

(c) one or both of the following—

(i) the use of fill material to raise the level of all or part of the land on which the dwelling will be erected to comply with requirements for residential development in the flood planning area,

(ii) excavation to create a waterway.

(3) Canal estate development does not include development for the purposes of drainage or the supply or treatment of water if the development is—

(a) carried out by or with the authority of a person or body responsible for the drainage, supply or treatment, and

(b) limited to the minimum reasonable size and capacity.

(4) In this clause—

**flood planning area** has the same meaning as in clause 5.21.

## **2.6A, 2.6B (Repealed)**

## Land Use Table

### Note—

State environmental planning policies, including the following, may be relevant to development on land to which this Plan applies—

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*, Chapter 2—relating to infrastructure facilities, including air transport, correction, education, electricity generating works and solar energy systems, health services, ports, railways, roads, waste management and water supply systems

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021*, Chapter 2

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*, Chapter 3

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*, Chapter 3

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021*, Chapter 2

## Zone RU1 Primary Production

### 1 Objectives of zone

- To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.
- To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.
- To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.
- To protect the agricultural potential of rural land not identified for alternative land use, and to minimise the cost to the community of providing, extending and maintaining public amenities and services.
- To maintain the rural landscape character of the land in the long term.
- To ensure that development for the purpose of extractive industries, underground mines (other than surface works associated with underground mines) or open cut mines (other than open cut mines from the surface of the flood plain), will not—
  - (a) destroy or impair the agricultural production potential of the land or, in the case of underground mining, unreasonably restrict or otherwise affect any other development on the surface, or

- (b) detrimentally affect in any way the quantity, flow and quality of water in either subterranean or surface water systems, or
  - (c) visually intrude into its surroundings, except by way of suitable screening.
- To protect or conserve (or both)—
    - (a) soil stability by controlling development in accordance with land capability, and
    - (b) trees and other vegetation, and
    - (c) water resources, water quality and wetland areas, and their catchments and buffer areas, and
    - (d) valuable deposits of minerals and extractive materials by restricting development that would compromise the efficient extraction of those deposits.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Extensive agriculture; Home occupations; Intensive plant agriculture

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Agritourism; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Animal boarding or training establishments; Aquaculture; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cellar door premises; Cemeteries; Community facilities; Crematoria; Depots; Dwelling houses; Eco-tourist facilities; Educational establishments; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Flood mitigation works; Forestry; Function centres; Group homes; Hazardous industries; Health consulting rooms; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads; Highway service centres; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Industrial retail outlets; Information and education facilities; Intensive livestock agriculture; Kiosks; Landscaping material supplies; Open cut mining; Places of public worship; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Research stations; Restaurants or cafes; Roads; Roadside stalls; Rural industries; Rural supplies; Rural worker's dwellings; Secondary dwellings; Service stations; Sewerage systems; Signage; Storage premises; Take away food and drink premises; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Transport depots; Truck depots; Turf farming; Veterinary hospitals; Waste disposal facilities; Water

supply systems

#### **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone RU3 Forestry**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To enable development for forestry purposes.
- To enable other development that is compatible with forestry land uses.

#### **2 Permitted without consent**

Uses authorised under the *Forestry Act 2012* or under Part 5B (Private native forestry) of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*; Roads

#### **3 Permitted with consent**

Aquaculture Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Intensive plant agriculture; Research stations

#### **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone RU5 Village**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.
- To allow more flexibility in the development of the town of Denman and village of Sandy Hollow.
- To allow for future development of residential, commercial or low-impact land use within the town of Denman and village of Sandy Hollow.
- To ensure that non-residential uses do not result in adverse amenity impacts on residential premises.
- To minimise the impact of non-residential uses and ensure these are in character and compatible with surrounding development.



## **2 Permitted without consent**

Home occupations

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Amusement centres; Attached dwellings; Boarding houses; Camping grounds; Car parks; Caravan parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; Dual occupancies; Dwelling houses; Educational establishments; Entertainment facilities; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Flood mitigation works; Function centres; Group homes; Health services facilities; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Highway service centres; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Hostels; Information and education facilities; Local distribution premises; Mortuaries; Multi dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Research stations; Residential flat buildings; Respite day care centres; Roads; Schools; Secondary dwellings; Semi-detached dwellings; Seniors housing; Service stations; Sewage reticulation systems; Shop top housing; Signage; Storage premises; Tank-based aquaculture; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Vehicle repair stations; Veterinary hospitals; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems; Wholesale supplies

## **4 Prohibited**

Restricted premises; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone R1 General Residential**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide for the housing needs of the community.
- To provide for a variety of housing types and densities.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
- To enable sensitive infill development of other housing types.
- To allow people to carry out a reasonable range of activities from their homes, where such activities do not adversely affect the living environment of neighbours.

- To promote the principles of ecological sustainable development including energy and water efficient subdivision and housing design.
- To minimise the impact of non-residential uses and ensure these are in character and compatible with surrounding development.
- To ensure that development is carried out in a way that is compatible with the flood risk of the area.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Home occupations

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Attached dwellings; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boarding houses; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dual occupancies; Dwelling houses; Educational establishments; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Flood mitigation works; Group homes; Health consulting rooms; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Hostels; Kiosks; Multi dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Pond-based aquaculture; Recreation areas; Residential flat buildings; Respite day care centres; Roads; Secondary dwellings; Semi-detached dwellings; Seniors housing; Sewage reticulation systems; Shop top housing; Tank-based aquaculture; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems

## **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

## **Zone R5 Large Lot Residential**

### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide residential housing in a rural setting while preserving, and minimising impacts on, environmentally sensitive locations and scenic quality.
- To ensure that large residential lots do not hinder the proper and orderly development of urban areas in the future.
- To ensure that development in the area does not unreasonably increase the demand for public services or public facilities.

- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Home occupations

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Bed and breakfast accommodation; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dwelling houses; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Group homes; Health consulting rooms; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Horticulture; Oyster aquaculture; Pond-based aquaculture; Recreation areas; Respite day care centres; Roads; Secondary dwellings; Sewage reticulation systems; Tank-based aquaculture; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems

## **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone E1 Local Centre**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide a range of retail, business and community uses that serve the needs of people who live in, work in or visit the area.
- To encourage investment in local commercial development that generates employment opportunities and economic growth.
- To enable residential development that contributes to a vibrant and active local centre and is consistent with the Council's strategic planning for residential development in the area.
- To encourage business, retail, community and other non-residential land uses on the ground floor of buildings.
- To ensure that land uses in the local centre do not adversely impact the amenity of nearby residential areas.
- To maintain heritage character and values in streetscapes.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Building identification signs; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Home occupations; Sewage reticulation systems; Water reticulation systems

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Amusement centres; Backpackers' accommodation; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boarding houses; Car parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; Entertainment facilities; Function centres; Highway service centres; Home businesses; Home industries; Hostels; Hotel or motel accommodation; Information and education facilities; Local distribution premises; Medical centres; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Registered clubs; Respite day care centres; Restricted premises; Roads; Service stations; Serviced apartments; Sex services premises; Shop top housing; Signage; Tank-based aquaculture; Veterinary hospitals; Water recycling facilities

## **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone E2 Commercial Centre**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To strengthen the role of the commercial centre as the centre of business, retail, community and cultural activity.
- To encourage investment in commercial development that generates employment opportunities and economic growth.
- To encourage development that has a high level of accessibility and amenity, particularly for pedestrians.
- To enable residential development only if it is consistent with the Council's strategic planning for residential development in the area.
- To ensure that new development provides diverse and active street frontages to attract pedestrian traffic and to contribute to vibrant, diverse and functional streets and public spaces.
- To maintain the status and encourage the future growth of the existing

Muswellbrook business centre as a retail, service, commercial and administrative centre while maintaining the centre's compact form.

- To maintain the heritage character and values of the business centre of Muswellbrook.
- To support business development by providing parking and other civic facilities.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Building identification signs; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Home occupations; Sewage reticulation systems; Water reticulation systems

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Amusement centres; Artisan food and drink industries; Backpackers' accommodation; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Car parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; Entertainment facilities; Environmental facilities; Function centres; Home businesses; Home industries; Hostels; Hotel or motel accommodation; Information and education facilities; Local distribution premises; Medical centres; Mortuaries; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Research stations; Respite day care centres; Restricted premises; Roads; Serviced apartments; Sex services premises; Shop top housing; Signage; Tank-based aquaculture; Vehicle repair stations; Veterinary hospitals; Water recycling facilities

## **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

## **Zone E3 Productivity Support**

### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide a range of facilities and services, light industries, warehouses and offices.
- To provide for land uses that are compatible with, but do not compete with, land uses in surrounding local and commercial centres.
- To maintain the economic viability of local and commercial centres by limiting

certain retail and commercial activity.

- To provide for land uses that meet the needs of the community, businesses and industries but that are not suited to locations in other employment zones.
- To provide opportunities for new and emerging light industries.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities and services to meet the day to day needs of workers, to sell goods of a large size, weight or quantity or to sell goods manufactured on-site.
- To ensure that development is arranged and carried out in a way that does not intrude on the amenity of adjoining residential areas.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Building identification signs; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Home occupations; Sewage reticulation systems; Water reticulation systems

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Animal boarding or training establishments; Boat building and repair facilities; Business premises; Car parks; Caravan parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Depots; Environmental facilities; Function centres; Garden centres; Hardware and building supplies; Highway service centres; Hotel or motel accommodation; Industrial retail outlets; Industrial training facilities; Information and education facilities; Landscaping material supplies; Light industries; Local distribution premises; Markets; Mortuaries; Neighbourhood shops; Office premises; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Plant nurseries; Public administration buildings; Pubs; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Research stations; Respite day care centres; Restricted premises; Roads; Rural supplies; Service stations; Sex services premises; Shop top housing; Signage; Specialised retail premises; Storage premises; Take away food and drink premises; Tank-based aquaculture; Timber yards; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Vehicle body repair workshops; Vehicle repair stations; Vehicle sales or hire premises; Veterinary hospitals; Warehouse or distribution centres; Wholesale supplies

#### **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone E4 General Industrial**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide a range of industrial, warehouse, logistics and related land uses.
- To ensure the efficient and viable use of land for industrial uses.
- To minimise any adverse effect of industry on other land uses.
- To encourage employment opportunities.
- To enable limited non-industrial land uses that provide facilities and services to meet the needs of businesses and workers.

#### **2 Permitted without consent**

Building identification signs; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Sewage reticulation systems; Water reticulation systems

#### **3 Permitted with consent**

Air transport facilities; Car parks; Crematoria; Depots; Environmental facilities; Freight transport facilities; Garden centres; General industries; Goods repair and reuse premises; Hardware and building supplies; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Highway service centres; Industrial retail outlets; Industrial training facilities; Industries; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Landscaping material supplies; Light industries; Local distribution premises; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Plant nurseries; Pond-based aquaculture; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Roads; Rural industries; Service stations; Sex services premises; Signage; Storage premises; Take away food and drink premises; Tank-based aquaculture; Timber yards; Transport depots; Truck depots; Vehicle body repair workshops; Vehicle repair stations; Vehicle sales or hire premises; Warehouse or distribution centres; Wholesale supplies

#### **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone SP2 Infrastructure**

## **1 Objectives of zone**

- To provide for infrastructure and related uses.
- To prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.
- To recognise existing railway land and to enable future development for railway and associated purposes.
- To prohibit advertising hoardings on railway land.
- To recognise major roads and to enable future development and expansion of major road networks and associated purposes.
- To recognise existing land and to enable future development for utility undertakings and associated purposes.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Nil

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Aquaculture; The purpose shown on the [Land Zoning Map](#), including any development that is ordinarily incidental or ancillary to development for that purpose; Roads

## **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone RE1 Public Recreation**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- To encourage the development of public open spaces in a way that addresses the community's diverse recreation needs.
- To identify land that is suitable for future public recreation use and that can



be brought into public ownership as a consequence of development contributions.

- To provide linked open space for ecosystem continuity, local community recreation, off-road transport and waterway protection.
- To provide space for integrated stormwater treatment devices for flow and water quality management, whilst enhancing urban and rural amenity.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Air transport facilities; Aquaculture; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Educational establishments; Emergency services facilities; Entertainment facilities; Flood mitigation works; Food and drink premises; Function centres; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Markets; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Respite day care centres; Roads; Sewage reticulation systems; Signage; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems

## **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

### **Zone RE2 Private Recreation**

#### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To enable land to be used for private open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- To encourage the development of public open spaces in a way that addresses the community's diverse recreation needs.

#### **2 Permitted without consent**

Nil

### **3 Permitted with consent**

Air transport facilities; Aquaculture; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Educational establishments; Entertainment facilities; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Food and drink premises; Function centres; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Markets; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Respite day care centres; Roads; Sewage reticulation systems; Signage; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems

### **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

## **Zone C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves**

### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To enable the management and appropriate use of land that is reserved under the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#) or that is acquired under Part 11 of that Act.
- To enable uses authorised under the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#).
- To identify land that is to be reserved under the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#) and to protect the environmental significance of that land.

### **2 Permitted without consent**

Uses authorised under the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#)

### **3 Permitted with consent**

Nil

### **4 Prohibited**

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

## **Zone C3 Environmental Management**

### **Note—**

[State Environmental Planning Policy \(Resources and Energy\) 2021](#), Chapter 2 may apply to land within this zone.

## **1 Objectives of zone**

- To protect, manage and restore areas with special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.
- To provide for a limited range of development that does not have an adverse effect on those values.
- To maintain, or improve in the long term, the ecological values of existing remnant vegetation of significance including wooded hilltops, river valley systems, major scenic corridors and other local features of scenic attraction.
- To limit development that is visually intrusive and ensure compatibility with the existing landscape character.
- To allow agricultural activities that will not have an adverse impact on the environmental and scenic quality of the existing landscape.
- To promote ecologically sustainable development.
- To ensure that development in this zone on land that adjoins land in the land zoned C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves is compatible with the objectives for that zone.

## **2 Permitted without consent**

Extensive agriculture; Home occupations

## **3 Permitted with consent**

Agritourism; Air transport facilities; Animal boarding or training establishments; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cellar door premises; Dwelling houses; Eco-tourist facilities; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Flood mitigation works; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Information and education facilities; Intensive plant agriculture; Oyster aquaculture; Pond-based aquaculture; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (outdoor); Research stations; Roads; Roadside stalls; Rural worker's dwellings; Secondary dwellings; Sewerage systems; Tank-based aquaculture; Water supply systems

## **4 Prohibited**

Industries; Local distribution premises; Multi dwelling housing; Residential flat buildings; Retail premises; Seniors housing; Service stations; Warehouse or

distribution centres; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3

## **Zone W1 Natural Waterways**

### **1 Objectives of zone**

- To protect the ecological and scenic values of natural waterways.
- To prevent development that would have an adverse effect on the natural values of waterways in this zone.
- To provide for sustainable fishing industries and recreational fishing.
- To ensure that opportunities for public access and use of aquatic resources for commercial and recreational fishing and aquaculture activities are maintained and enhanced.
- To ensure that development maintains and enhances the integrity of the water quality, ecosystem, health and biodiversity in or adjacent to key fish habitats.

### **2 Permitted without consent**

Nil

### **3 Permitted with consent**

Aquaculture; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Flood mitigation works; Mooring pens; Recreation areas; Roads; Water recreation structures

### **4 Prohibited**

Business premises; Hotel or motel accommodation; Industries; Local distribution premises; Multi dwelling housing; Recreation facilities (major); Residential flat buildings; Restricted premises; Retail premises; Seniors housing; Service stations; Warehouse or distribution centres; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3

## **Part 3 Exempt and complying development**

### **3.1 Exempt development**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to identify development of minimal environmental impact as exempt development.
- (2) Development specified in Schedule 2 that meets the standards for the development

contained in that Schedule and that complies with the requirements of this Part is exempt development.

- (3) To be exempt development, the development—
- (a) must meet the relevant deemed-to-satisfy provisions of the *Building Code of Australia* or, if there are no such relevant provisions, must be structurally adequate, and
  - (b) must not, if it relates to an existing building, cause the building to contravene the *Building Code of Australia*, and
  - (c) must not be designated development, and
  - (d) must not be carried out on land that comprises, or on which there is, an item that is listed on the State Heritage Register under the *Heritage Act 1977* or that is subject to an interim heritage order under the *Heritage Act 1977*.
  - (e) (Repealed)
- (4) Development that relates to an existing building that is classified under the *Building Code of Australia* as class 1b or class 2–9 is exempt development only if—
- (a) the building has a current fire safety certificate or fire safety statement, or
  - (b) no fire safety measures are currently implemented, required or proposed for the building.
- (4A) (Repealed)
- (5) To be exempt development, the development must—
- (a) be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications, if applicable, and
  - (b) not involve the removal, pruning or other clearing of vegetation that requires a permit, development consent or other approval unless it is undertaken in accordance with a permit, development consent or other approval.

**Note—**

See *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*, Chapter 2 and the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, Part 5A.

- (6) A heading to an item in Schedule 2 is part of that Schedule.

### **3.2 Complying development**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to identify development as complying development.
- (2) Development specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 that is carried out in compliance with—

- (a) the development standards specified in relation to that development, and
  - (b) the requirements of this Part,
- is complying development.

**Note—**

See also clause 5.8 (3) which provides that the conversion of fire alarms is complying development in certain circumstances.

- (3) To be complying development, the development must—
  - (a) be permissible, with development consent, in the zone in which it is carried out, and
  - (b) meet the relevant deemed-to-satisfy provisions of the *Building Code of Australia*, and
  - (c) have an approval, if required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, from the Council for an on-site effluent disposal system if the development is undertaken on unsewered land.
- (4) A complying development certificate for development specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 is subject to the conditions (if any) set out or referred to in Part 2 of that Schedule.
- (4A) (Repealed)
- (5) A heading to an item in Schedule 3 is part of that Schedule.

### **3.3 Environmentally sensitive areas excluded**

- (1) Exempt or complying development must not be carried out on any environmentally sensitive area for exempt or complying development.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause—

***environmentally sensitive area for exempt or complying development*** means any of the following—

- (a) the coastal waters of the State,
- (b) a coastal lake,
- (c) land within the coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests area (within the meaning of the *Coastal Management Act 2016*),
- (d) land reserved as an aquatic reserve under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* or as a marine park under the *Marine Parks Act 1997*,
- (e) land within a wetland of international significance declared under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands or within a World heritage area declared under the World

Heritage Convention,

- (f) land within 100 metres of land to which paragraph (c), (d) or (e) applies,
- (g) land identified in this or any other environmental planning instrument as being of high Aboriginal cultural significance or high biodiversity significance,
- (h) land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or land acquired under Part 11 of that Act,
- (i) land reserved or dedicated under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* for the preservation of flora, fauna, geological formations or for other environmental protection purposes,
- (j) land that is a declared area of outstanding biodiversity value under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or declared critical habitat under Part 7A of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

## **Part 4 Principal development standards**

### **4.1 Minimum subdivision lot size**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to ensure that new subdivisions reflect characteristic lot sizes and patterns in the surrounding locality,
  - (b) to ensure that lot sizes that create a dwelling entitlement are consistent with lot sizes on adjoining lands,
  - (c) to ensure that lot sizes have a practical and efficient layout to meet intended use,
  - (d) to prevent the fragmentation of rural lands.
- (2) This clause applies to a subdivision of any land shown on the [Lot Size Map](#) that requires development consent and that is carried out after the commencement of this Plan.
- (3) The size of any lot resulting from a subdivision of land to which this clause applies is not to be less than the minimum size shown on the [Lot Size Map](#) in relation to that land.
- (4) This clause does not apply in relation to the subdivision of any land—
  - (a) by the registration of a strata plan or strata plan of subdivision under the *Strata Schemes Development Act 2015*, or
  - (b) by any kind of subdivision under the *Community Land Development Act 2021*.

#### **4.1AA Minimum subdivision lot size for community title schemes**

[Not adopted]

#### **4.1A Exception to minimum subdivision lot size for biodiversity conservation**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to provide flexibility in the application of standards for the subdivision of certain land for the purpose of long-term biodiversity conservation management.
- (2) This clause applies to land identified as “Ironbark Ridge” on the [Key Sites Map](#).
- (3) Despite any other provision of this Plan, development consent may be granted to the subdivision of land to which this clause applies to create a lot that is less than the minimum size shown on the [Lot Size Map](#) in relation to the land if the consent authority is satisfied—
  - (a) the subdivision will facilitate long-term biodiversity conservation management across the resulting lots, and
  - (b) suitable arrangements have been, or will be, made for the long-term protection, conservation and management of the land, and
  - (c) the subdivision will not create the opportunity for additional dwellings on any of the resulting lots.

#### **4.2 Rural subdivision**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to provide flexibility in the application of standards for subdivision in rural zones to allow land owners a greater chance to achieve the objectives for development in the relevant zone.
- (2) This clause applies to the following rural zones—
  - (a) Zone RU1 Primary Production,
  - (b) Zone RU2 Rural Landscape,
  - (baa) Zone RU3 Forestry,
  - (c) Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots,
  - (d) Zone RU6 Transition.
- (3) Land in a zone to which this clause applies may, with development consent, be subdivided for the purpose of primary production to create a lot of a size that is less than the minimum size shown on the [Lot Size Map](#) in relation to that land.
- (4) However, such a lot cannot be created if an existing dwelling would, as the result of the subdivision, be situated on the lot.



(5) A dwelling cannot be erected on such a lot.

**Note 1—**

A dwelling includes a rural worker's dwelling (see definition of that term in the Dictionary).

**Note 2—**

This Plan does not include Zone RU2, RU4 or RU6.

### **4.3 Height of buildings**

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—

- (a) to limit the height of buildings,
- (b) to promote development that is compatible with the height of surrounding development and conforms to and reflects natural landforms by stepping development on sloping land to follow the natural gradient,
- (c) to promote the retention and, if appropriate, sharing of existing views,
- (d) to maintain solar access to new and existing dwellings and public recreation areas and to promote solar access to new buildings,
- (e) to maintain privacy for residents of existing dwellings and promote privacy for residents of new buildings.

(2) The height of a building on any land is not to exceed the maximum height shown for the land on the [Height of Buildings Map](#).

### **4.4 Floor space ratio**

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—

- (a) to ensure a degree of equity in relation to development potential for sites of different sizes and for sites located in different parts of Muswellbrook,
- (b) to ensure that proposals for new buildings are assessed with due regard to the context of surrounding development,
- (c) to ensure that the bulk and scale of proposed buildings are compatible with surrounding (or intended future) development,
- (d) to provide sufficient floor space for high quality development for the foreseeable future,
- (e) to regulate density of development and generation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,
- (f) to ensure the preservation of reasonable amenity on surrounding land.

- (2) The maximum floor space ratio for a building on any land is not to exceed the floor space ratio shown for the land on the [Floor Space Ratio Map](#).

#### 4.5 Calculation of floor space ratio and site area

- (1) **Objectives** The objectives of this clause are as follows—

- (a) to define **floor space ratio**,
- (b) to set out rules for the calculation of the site area of development for the purpose of applying permitted floor space ratios, including rules to—
  - (i) prevent the inclusion in the site area of an area that has no significant development being carried out on it, and
  - (ii) prevent the inclusion in the site area of an area that has already been included as part of a site area to maximise floor space area in another building, and
  - (iii) require community land and public places to be dealt with separately.

- (2) **Definition of “floor space ratio”** The **floor space ratio** of buildings on a site is the ratio of the gross floor area of all buildings within the site to the site area.

- (3) **Site area** In determining the site area of proposed development for the purpose of applying a floor space ratio, the **site area** is taken to be—

- (a) if the proposed development is to be carried out on only one lot, the area of that lot, or
- (b) if the proposed development is to be carried out on 2 or more lots, the area of any lot on which the development is proposed to be carried out that has at least one common boundary with another lot on which the development is being carried out.

In addition, subclauses (4)–(7) apply to the calculation of site area for the purposes of applying a floor space ratio to proposed development.

- (4) **Exclusions from site area** The following land must be excluded from the site area—

- (a) land on which the proposed development is prohibited, whether under this Plan or any other law,
- (b) community land or a public place (except as provided by subclause (7)).

- (5) **Strata subdivisions** The area of a lot that is wholly or partly on top of another or others in a strata subdivision is to be included in the calculation of the site area only to the extent that it does not overlap with another lot already included in the site area calculation.

- (6) **Only significant development to be included** The site area for proposed development

must not include a lot additional to a lot or lots on which the development is being carried out unless the proposed development includes significant development on that additional lot.

- (7) **Certain public land to be separately considered** For the purpose of applying a floor space ratio to any proposed development on, above or below community land or a public place, the site area must only include an area that is on, above or below that community land or public place, and is occupied or physically affected by the proposed development, and may not include any other area on which the proposed development is to be carried out.
- (8) **Existing buildings** The gross floor area of any existing or proposed buildings within the vertical projection (above or below ground) of the boundaries of a site is to be included in the calculation of the total floor space for the purposes of applying a floor space ratio, whether or not the proposed development relates to all of the buildings.
- (9) **Covenants to prevent “double dipping”** When development consent is granted to development on a site comprised of 2 or more lots, a condition of the consent may require a covenant to be registered that prevents the creation of floor area on a lot (the restricted lot) if the consent authority is satisfied that an equivalent quantity of floor area will be created on another lot only because the site included the restricted lot.
- (10) **Covenants affect consolidated sites** If—
- (a) a covenant of the kind referred to in subclause (9) applies to any land (**affected land**), and
  - (b) proposed development relates to the affected land and other land that together comprise the site of the proposed development,
- the maximum amount of floor area allowed on the other land by the floor space ratio fixed for the site by this Plan is reduced by the quantity of floor space area the covenant prevents being created on the affected land.
- (11) **Definition** In this clause, **public place** has the same meaning as it has in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

#### 4.6 Exceptions to development standards

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
- (a) to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development,
  - (b) to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances.

- (2) Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.
- (3) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority has considered a written request from the applicant that seeks to justify the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating—
  - (a) that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and
  - (b) that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.
- (4) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless—
  - (a) the consent authority is satisfied that—
    - (i) the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by subclause (3), and
    - (ii) the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out, and
  - (b) the concurrence of the Planning Secretary has been obtained.
- (5) In deciding whether to grant concurrence, the Planning Secretary must consider—
  - (a) whether contravention of the development standard raises any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning, and
  - (b) the public benefit of maintaining the development standard, and
  - (c) any other matters required to be taken into consideration by the Planning Secretary before granting concurrence.
- (6) Development consent must not be granted under this clause for a subdivision of land in Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU3 Forestry, Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone C2 Environmental Conservation, Zone C3 Environmental Management or Zone C4 Environmental Living if—
  - (a) the subdivision will result in 2 or more lots of less than the minimum area

specified for such lots by a development standard, or

(b) the subdivision will result in at least one lot that is less than 90% of the minimum area specified for such a lot by a development standard.

(7) After determining a development application made pursuant to this clause, the consent authority must keep a record of its assessment of the factors required to be addressed in the applicant's written request referred to in subclause (3).

(8) This clause does not allow development consent to be granted for development that would contravene any of the following—

(a) a development standard for complying development,

(b) a development standard that arises, under the regulations under the Act, in connection with a commitment set out in a BASIX certificate for a building to which [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Building Sustainability Index: BASIX\) 2004](#) applies or for the land on which such a building is situated,

(c) clause 5.4,

(caa) clause 5.5,

(ca) clause 6.1, 6.2, 7.4 or 7.5.

(8A) (Repealed)

## Part 5 Miscellaneous provisions

### 5.1 Relevant acquisition authority

(1) The objective of this clause is to identify, for the purposes of section 3.15 of the Act, the authority of the State that will be the relevant authority to acquire land reserved for certain public purposes if the land is required to be acquired under Division 3 of Part 2 of the [Land Acquisition \(Just Terms Compensation\) Act 1991](#) (**the owner-initiated acquisition provisions**).

#### Note—

If the landholder will suffer hardship if there is any delay in the land being acquired by the relevant authority, section 23 of the [Land Acquisition \(Just Terms Compensation\) Act 1991](#) requires the authority to acquire the land.

(2) The authority of the State that will be the relevant authority to acquire land, if the land is required to be acquired under the owner-initiated acquisition provisions, is the authority of the State specified below in relation to the land shown on the [Land Reservation Acquisition Map](#) (or, if an authority of the State is not specified in relation to land required to be so acquired, the authority designated or determined under those provisions).

<b>Type of land shown on Map</b>	<b>Authority of the State</b>
Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked "Local open space"	Council
Zone RE1 Public Recreation and marked "Regional open space"	The corporation constituted under section 2.5 of the Act
Zone SP2 Infrastructure and marked "Classified road"	Transport for NSW
Zone C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves and marked "National Park"	Minister administering the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>

**Note—**

If land, other than land specified in the Table to subclause (2), is required to be acquired under the owner-initiated acquisition provisions, the Minister for Planning is required to take action to enable the designation of the acquiring authority under this Part. Pending the designation of the acquiring authority for that land, the acquiring authority is to be the authority determined by order of the Minister for Planning (see section 21 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*).

- (3) Development on land acquired by an authority of the State under the owner-initiated acquisition provisions may, before it is used for the purpose for which it is reserved, be carried out, with development consent, for any purpose.

**5.2 Classification and reclassification of public land**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to enable the Council to classify or reclassify public land as "operational land" or "community land" in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Note—**

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, "public land" is generally land vested in or under the control of a council (other than roads and certain Crown land). The classification or reclassification of public land may also be made by a resolution of the Council under section 31, 32 or 33 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Section 30 of that Act enables this Plan to discharge trusts on which public reserves are held if the land is reclassified under this Plan as operational land.

- (2) The public land described in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 4 is classified, or reclassified, as operational land for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (3) The public land described in Part 3 of Schedule 4 is classified, or reclassified, as community land for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (4) The public land described in Part 1 of Schedule 4—
- does not cease to be a public reserve to the extent (if any) that it is a public reserve, and
  - continues to be affected by any trusts, estates, interests, dedications, conditions,

restrictions or covenants that affected the land before its classification, or reclassification, as operational land.

- (5) The public land described in Part 2 of Schedule 4, to the extent (if any) that it is a public reserve, ceases to be a public reserve when the description of the land is inserted into that Part and is discharged from all trusts, estates, interests, dedications, conditions, restrictions and covenants affecting the land or any part of the land, except—
- (a) those (if any) specified for the land in Column 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 4, and
  - (b) any reservations that except land out of the Crown grant relating to the land, and
  - (c) reservations of minerals (within the meaning of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*).

**Note—**

In accordance with section 30 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the approval of the Governor to subclause (5) applying to the public land concerned is required before the description of the land is inserted in Part 2 of Schedule 4.

### **5.3 Development near zone boundaries**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to provide flexibility where the investigation of a site and its surroundings reveals that a use allowed on the other side of a zone boundary would enable a more logical and appropriate development of the site and be compatible with the planning objectives and land uses for the adjoining zone.
- (2) This clause applies to so much of any land that is within the relevant distance of a boundary between any 2 zones. The relevant distance is 30 metres.
- (3) This clause does not apply to—
- (a) land in Zone RE1 Public Recreation, Zone C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves, Zone C2 Environmental Conservation, Zone C3 Environmental Management or Zone W1 Natural Waterways, or
  - (b) land within the coastal zone, or
  - (c) land proposed to be developed for the purpose of sex services or restricted premises.
- (4) Despite the provisions of this Plan relating to the purposes for which development may be carried out, development consent may be granted to development of land to which this clause applies for any purpose that may be carried out in the adjoining zone, but only if the consent authority is satisfied that—
- (a) the development is not inconsistent with the objectives for development in both

zones, and

(b) the carrying out of the development is desirable due to compatible land use planning, infrastructure capacity and other planning principles relating to the efficient and timely development of land.

(5) This clause does not prescribe a development standard that may be varied under this Plan.

#### 5.4 Controls relating to miscellaneous permissible uses

(1) **Bed and breakfast accommodation** If development for the purposes of bed and breakfast accommodation is permitted under this Plan, the accommodation that is provided to guests must consist of no more than 5 bedrooms.

**Note—**

Any such development that provides for a certain number of guests or rooms may involve a change in the class of building under the *Building Code of Australia*.

(2) **Home businesses** If development for the purposes of a home business is permitted under this Plan, the carrying on of the business must not involve the use of more than 50 square metres of floor area.

(3) **Home industries** If development for the purposes of a home industry is permitted under this Plan, the carrying on of the home industry must not involve the use of more than 50 square metres of floor area.

(4) **Industrial retail outlets** If development for the purposes of an industrial retail outlet is permitted under this Plan, the retail floor area must not exceed—

(a) 33% of the gross floor area of the industry or rural industry located on the same land as the retail outlet, or

(b) 400 square metres,

whichever is the lesser.

(5) **Farm stay accommodation** If development for the purposes of farm stay accommodation is permitted under this Plan, the accommodation that is provided to guests must consist of no more than 5 bedrooms in buildings.

(6) **Kiosks** If development for the purposes of a kiosk is permitted under this Plan, the gross floor area must not exceed 50 square metres.

(7) **Neighbourhood shops** If development for the purposes of a neighbourhood shop is permitted under this Plan, the retail floor area must not exceed 100 square metres.

(7AA) **Neighbourhood supermarkets** If development for the purposes of a neighbourhood supermarket is permitted under this Plan, the gross floor area must not exceed 1,000



square metres.

- (8) **Roadside stalls** If development for the purposes of a roadside stall is permitted under this Plan, the gross floor area must not exceed 20 square metres.
- (9) **Secondary dwellings on land other than land in a rural zone** If development for the purposes of a secondary dwelling is permitted under this Plan on land other than land in a rural zone, the total floor area of the dwelling, excluding any area used for parking, must not exceed whichever of the following is the greater—
- (a) 60 square metres,
  - (b) 33% of the total floor area of the principal dwelling.
- (10) **Artisan food and drink industry exclusion** If development for the purposes of an artisan food and drink industry is permitted under this Plan in Zone E3 Productivity Support, Zone E4 General Industrial, Zone E5 Heavy Industrial, Zone W4 Working Waterfront or a rural zone, the floor area used for retail sales (not including any cafe or restaurant area) must not exceed—
- (a) 33% of the gross floor area of the industry, or
  - (b) 400 square metres,
- whichever is the lesser.

### 5.5 Controls relating to secondary dwellings on land in a rural zone

If development for the purposes of a secondary dwelling is permitted under this Plan on land in a rural zone—

- (a) [Not adopted]
- (b) the distance between the secondary dwelling and the principal dwelling must not exceed 250 metres.

### 5.6 Architectural roof features

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
- (a) to allow for minor departures from applicable height controls, and
  - (b) to ensure that architectural roof features do not result in adverse visual and amenity impacts upon adjoining premises, and
  - (c) to ensure that architectural roof features are considered in the design of buildings and form an integral part of the building design.
- (2) Development that includes an architectural roof feature that exceeds, or causes a building to exceed, the height limits set by clause 4.3 may be carried out, but only

with development consent.

- (3) Development consent must not be granted to any such development unless the consent authority is satisfied that—
  - (a) the architectural roof feature—
    - (i) comprises a decorative element on the uppermost portion of a building, and
    - (ii) is not an advertising structure, and
    - (iii) does not include floor space area and is not reasonably capable of modification to include floor space area, and
    - (iv) will cause minimal overshadowing, and
  - (b) any building identification signage or equipment for servicing the building (such as plant, lift motor rooms, fire stairs and the like) contained in or supported by the roof feature is fully integrated into the design of the roof feature.

#### **5.7 Development below mean high water mark**

[Not applicable]

#### **5.8 Conversion of fire alarms**

- (1) This clause applies to a fire alarm system that can be monitored by Fire and Rescue NSW or by a private service provider.
- (2) The following development may be carried out, but only with development consent—
  - (a) converting a fire alarm system from connection with the alarm monitoring system of Fire and Rescue NSW to connection with the alarm monitoring system of a private service provider,
  - (b) converting a fire alarm system from connection with the alarm monitoring system of a private service provider to connection with the alarm monitoring system of another private service provider,
  - (c) converting a fire alarm system from connection with the alarm monitoring system of a private service provider to connection with a different alarm monitoring system of the same private service provider.
- (3) Development to which subclause (2) applies is complying development if it consists only of—
  - (a) internal alterations to a building, or
  - (b) internal alterations to a building together with the mounting of an antenna, and any support structure, on an external wall or roof of a building so as to occupy a

space of not more than 450mm × 100mm × 100mm.

- (4) A complying development certificate for any such complying development is subject to a condition that any building work may only be carried out between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm on Monday to Friday and between 7.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday, and must not be carried out on a Sunday or a public holiday.
- (5) In this clause—  
***private service provider*** means a person or body that has entered into an agreement that is in force with Fire and Rescue NSW to monitor fire alarm systems.

### **5.9 Dwelling house or secondary dwelling affected by natural disaster**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to enable the repair or replacement of lawfully erected dwelling houses and secondary dwellings that have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.
- (2) This clause applies to land in the following zones—
  - (a) RU1 Primary Production,
  - (b) C3 Environmental Management.
- (3) Despite the other provisions of this Plan, development consent may be granted to development on land to which this clause applies to enable a dwelling house or secondary dwelling that has been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster to be repaired or replaced if—
  - (a) the dwelling house or secondary dwelling was lawfully erected, and
  - (b) the development application seeking the development consent is made to the consent authority no later than 5 years after the day on which the natural disaster caused the damage or destruction.

### **5.9AA (Repealed)**

### **5.10 Heritage conservation**

**Note—**

Heritage items (if any) are listed and described in Schedule 5. Heritage conservation areas (if any) are shown on the [Heritage Map](#) as well as being described in Schedule 5.

- (1) **Objectives** The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to conserve the environmental heritage of Muswellbrook,
  - (b) to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,

(c) to conserve archaeological sites,

(d) to conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance.

(2) **Requirement for consent** Development consent is required for any of the following—

(a) demolishing or moving any of the following or altering the exterior of any of the following (including, in the case of a building, making changes to its detail, fabric, finish or appearance)—

(i) a heritage item,

(ii) an Aboriginal object,

(iii) a building, work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area,

(b) altering a heritage item that is a building by making structural changes to its interior or by making changes to anything inside the item that is specified in Schedule 5 in relation to the item,

(c) disturbing or excavating an archaeological site while knowing, or having reasonable cause to suspect, that the disturbance or excavation will or is likely to result in a relic being discovered, exposed, moved, damaged or destroyed,

(d) disturbing or excavating an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,

(e) erecting a building on land—

(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or

(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,

(f) subdividing land—

(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or

(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance.

(3) **When consent not required** However, development consent under this clause is not required if—

(a) the applicant has notified the consent authority of the proposed development and the consent authority has advised the applicant in writing before any work is carried out that it is satisfied that the proposed development—

(i) is of a minor nature or is for the maintenance of the heritage item, Aboriginal

- object, Aboriginal place of heritage significance or archaeological site or a building, work, relic, tree or place within the heritage conservation area, and
- (ii) would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the heritage item, Aboriginal object, Aboriginal place, archaeological site or heritage conservation area, or
- (b) the development is in a cemetery or burial ground and the proposed development—
- (i) is the creation of a new grave or monument, or excavation or disturbance of land for the purpose of conserving or repairing monuments or grave markers, and
  - (ii) would not cause disturbance to human remains, relics, Aboriginal objects in the form of grave goods, or to an Aboriginal place of heritage significance, or
- (c) the development is limited to the removal of a tree or other vegetation that the Council is satisfied is a risk to human life or property, or
- (d) the development is exempt development.
- (4) **Effect of proposed development on heritage significance** The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause in respect of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. This subclause applies regardless of whether a heritage management document is prepared under subclause (5) or a heritage conservation management plan is submitted under subclause (6).
- (5) **Heritage assessment** The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development—
- (a) on land on which a heritage item is located, or
  - (b) on land that is within a heritage conservation area, or
  - (c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),
- require a heritage management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.
- (6) **Heritage conservation management plans** The consent authority may require, after considering the heritage significance of a heritage item and the extent of change proposed to it, the submission of a heritage conservation management plan before granting consent under this clause.
- (7) **Archaeological sites** The consent authority must, before granting consent under this

clause to the carrying out of development on an archaeological site (other than land listed on the State Heritage Register or to which an interim heritage order under the *Heritage Act 1977* applies)—

- (a) notify the Heritage Council of its intention to grant consent, and
- (b) take into consideration any response received from the Heritage Council within 28 days after the notice is sent.

(8) **Aboriginal places of heritage significance** The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause to the carrying out of development in an Aboriginal place of heritage significance—

- (a) consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the place and any Aboriginal object known or reasonably likely to be located at the place by means of an adequate investigation and assessment (which may involve consideration of a heritage impact statement), and
- (b) notify the local Aboriginal communities, in writing or in such other manner as may be appropriate, about the application and take into consideration any response received within 28 days after the notice is sent.

(9) **Demolition of nominated State heritage items** The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause for the demolition of a nominated State heritage item—

- (a) notify the Heritage Council about the application, and
- (b) take into consideration any response received from the Heritage Council within 28 days after the notice is sent.

(10) **Conservation incentives** The consent authority may grant consent to development for any purpose of a building that is a heritage item or of the land on which such a building is erected, or for any purpose on an Aboriginal place of heritage significance, even though development for that purpose would otherwise not be allowed by this Plan, if the consent authority is satisfied that—

- (a) the conservation of the heritage item or Aboriginal place of heritage significance is facilitated by the granting of consent, and
- (b) the proposed development is in accordance with a heritage management document that has been approved by the consent authority, and
- (c) the consent to the proposed development would require that all necessary conservation work identified in the heritage management document is carried out, and
- (d) the proposed development would not adversely affect the heritage significance of

the heritage item, including its setting, or the heritage significance of the Aboriginal place of heritage significance, and

- (e) the proposed development would not have any significant adverse effect on the amenity of the surrounding area.

### **5.11 Bush fire hazard reduction**

Bush fire hazard reduction work authorised by the *Rural Fires Act 1997* may be carried out on any land without development consent.

**Note—**

The *Rural Fires Act 1997* also makes provision relating to the carrying out of development on bush fire prone land.

### **5.12 Infrastructure development and use of existing buildings of the Crown**

- (1) This Plan does not restrict or prohibit, or enable the restriction or prohibition of, the carrying out of any development, by or on behalf of a public authority, that is permitted to be carried out with or without development consent, or that is exempt development, under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*, Chapter 2.
- (2) This Plan does not restrict or prohibit, or enable the restriction or prohibition of, the use of existing buildings of the Crown by the Crown.

### **5.13 Eco-tourist facilities**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
- (a) to maintain the environmental and cultural values of land on which development for the purposes of eco-tourist facilities is carried out,
- (b) to provide for sensitively designed and managed eco-tourist facilities that have minimal impact on the environment both on and off-site.
- (2) This clause applies if development for the purposes of an eco-tourist facility is permitted with development consent under this Plan.
- (3) The consent authority must not grant consent under this Plan to carry out development for the purposes of an eco-tourist facility unless the consent authority is satisfied that—
- (a) there is a demonstrated connection between the development and the ecological, environmental and cultural values of the site or area, and
- (b) the development will be located, constructed, managed and maintained so as to minimise any impact on, and to conserve, the natural environment, and
- (c) the development will enhance an appreciation of the environmental and cultural

values of the site or area, and

- (d) the development will promote positive environmental outcomes and any impact on watercourses, soil quality, heritage and native flora and fauna will be minimal, and
- (e) the site will be maintained (or regenerated where necessary) to ensure the continued protection of natural resources and enhancement of the natural environment, and
- (f) waste generation during construction and operation will be avoided and that any waste will be appropriately removed, and
- (g) the development will be located to avoid visibility above ridgelines and against escarpments and from watercourses and that any visual intrusion will be minimised through the choice of design, colours, materials and landscaping with local native flora, and
- (h) any infrastructure services to the site will be provided without significant modification to the environment, and
- (i) any power and water to the site will, where possible, be provided through the use of passive heating and cooling, renewable energy sources and water efficient design, and
- (j) the development will not adversely affect the agricultural productivity of adjoining land, and
- (k) the following matters are addressed or provided for in a management strategy for minimising any impact on the natural environment—
  - (i) measures to remove any threat of serious or irreversible environmental damage,
  - (ii) the maintenance (or regeneration where necessary) of habitats,
  - (iii) efficient and minimal energy and water use and waste output,
  - (iv) mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing the effect of the development on the natural environment,
  - (v) maintaining improvements on an on-going basis in accordance with relevant ISO 14000 standards relating to management and quality control.

#### **5.14 Siding Spring Observatory—maintaining dark sky**

[Not adopted]



### **5.15 Defence communications facility**

[Not adopted]

### **5.16 Subdivision of, or dwellings on, land in certain rural, residential or conservation zones**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to minimise potential land use conflict between existing and proposed development on land in the rural, residential or conservation zones concerned (particularly between residential land uses and other rural land uses).
- (2) This clause applies to land in the following zones—
  - (a) Zone RU1 Primary Production,
  - (b) Zone RU2 Rural Landscape,
  - (c) Zone RU3 Forestry,
  - (d) Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots,
  - (e) Zone RU6 Transition,
  - (f) Zone R5 Large Lot Residential,
  - (g) Zone C2 Environmental Conservation,
  - (h) Zone C3 Environmental Management,
  - (i) Zone C4 Environmental Living.
- (3) A consent authority must take into account the matters specified in subclause (4) in determining whether to grant development consent to development on land to which this clause applies for either of the following purposes—
  - (a) subdivision of land proposed to be used for the purposes of a dwelling,
  - (b) erection of a dwelling.
- (4) The following matters are to be taken into account—
  - (a) the existing uses and approved uses of land in the vicinity of the development,
  - (b) whether or not the development is likely to have a significant impact on land uses that, in the opinion of the consent authority, are likely to be preferred and the predominant land uses in the vicinity of the development,
  - (c) whether or not the development is likely to be incompatible with a use referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),
  - (d) any measures proposed by the applicant to avoid or minimise any incompatibility

referred to in paragraph (c).

**5.17 Artificial waterbodies in environmentally sensitive areas in areas of operation of irrigation corporations**

[Not applicable]

**5.18 Intensive livestock agriculture**

(1) The objectives of this clause are—

- (a) to ensure appropriate environmental assessment of development for the purpose of intensive livestock agriculture that is permitted with consent under this Plan, and
- (b) to provide for certain capacity thresholds below which development consent is not required for that development subject to certain restrictions as to location.

(2) This clause applies if development for the purpose of intensive livestock agriculture is permitted with consent under this Plan.

(3) In determining whether or not to grant development consent under this Plan to development for the purpose of intensive livestock agriculture, the consent authority must take the following into consideration—

- (a) the adequacy of the information provided in the statement of environmental effects or (if the development is designated development) the environmental impact statement accompanying the development application,
- (b) the potential for odours to adversely impact on the amenity of residences or other land uses within the vicinity of the site,
- (c) the potential for the pollution of surface water and ground water,
- (d) the potential for the degradation of soils,
- (e) the measures proposed to mitigate any potential adverse impacts,
- (f) the suitability of the site in the circumstances,
- (g) whether the applicant has indicated an intention to comply with relevant industry codes of practice for the health and welfare of animals,
- (h) the consistency of the proposal with, and any reasons for departing from, the environmental planning and assessment aspects of any guidelines for the establishment and operation of relevant types of intensive livestock agriculture published, and made available to the consent authority, by the Department of Primary Industries (within the Department of Industry) and approved by the Planning Secretary.

- (4) Despite any other provision of this Plan, development for the purpose of intensive livestock agriculture may be carried out without development consent if—
- (a) the development is of a type specified in subclause (5), and
  - (b) the consent authority is satisfied that the development will not be located—
    - (i) in an environmentally sensitive area, or
    - (ii) within 100 metres of a natural watercourse, or
    - (iii) in a drinking water catchment, or
    - (iv) within 500 metres of any dwelling that is not associated with the development, or a residential zone, or
    - (v) for a poultry farm used for breeding poultry—within 5km of another poultry farm, or
    - (vi) for a poultry farm not used for breeding poultry—
      - (A) within 5km of a poultry farm used for breeding poultry, or
      - (B) within 1km of a poultry farm not used for breeding poultry, or
    - (vii) for a pig farm—within 3km of another pig farm.
- (5) The following types of development are specified for the purposes of subclause (4)—
- (a) a cattle feedlot having a capacity to accommodate fewer than 50 head of cattle,
  - (b) a goat feedlot having a capacity to accommodate fewer than 200 goats,
  - (c) a sheep feedlot having a capacity to accommodate fewer than 200 sheep,
  - (d) a pig farm having a capacity to accommodate fewer than 20 breeding sows, or fewer than 200 pigs (of which fewer than 20 may be breeding sows),
  - (e) a dairy (restricted) having a capacity to accommodate fewer than 50 dairy cows,
  - (f) a poultry farm having a capacity to accommodate fewer than 1,000 birds for meat or egg production (or both).
- (6) For the avoidance of doubt, subclause (4) does not apply to development that is prohibited or that may be carried out without development consent under this or any other environmental planning instrument.
- (7) In this clause—

***environmentally sensitive area*** has the same meaning as in clause 1.5 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*.

**residential zone** means Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, Zone RU5 Village, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone R1 General Residential, Zone R2 Low Density Residential, Zone R3 Medium Density Residential, Zone R4 High Density Residential, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone E3 Productivity Support, Zone MU1 Mixed Use, Zone C3 Environmental Management or Zone C4 Environmental Living.

### 5.19 Pond-based, tank-based and oyster aquaculture

(1) **Objectives** The objectives of this clause are as follows—

- (a) to encourage sustainable oyster, pond-based and tank-based aquaculture in the State, namely, aquaculture development that uses, conserves and enhances the community's resources so that the total quality of life now and in the future can be preserved and enhanced,
- (b) to set out the minimum site location and operational requirements for permissible pond-based and tank-based aquaculture development.

(2) **Pond-based or tank-based aquaculture—matters of which consent authority must be satisfied before granting consent** The consent authority must not grant development consent to carry out development for the purpose of pond-based aquaculture or tank-based aquaculture unless the consent authority is satisfied of the following—

- (a) that the development complies with the site location and operational requirements set out in Part 1 of Schedule 6 for the development,
- (b) in the case of—
  - (i) pond-based aquaculture in Zone RU5 Village, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone R1 General Residential, Zone R2 Low Density Residential, Zone R3 Medium Density Residential, Zone R4 High Density Residential, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone E1 Local Centre, Zone E2 Commercial Centre, Zone E3 Productivity Support, Zone E4 General Industrial, Zone E5 Heavy Industrial or Zone MU1 Mixed Use—that the development is for the purpose of small scale aquarium fish production, and
  - (ii) pond-based aquaculture in Zone C3 Environmental Management or Zone C4 Environmental Living—that the development is for the purpose of extensive aquaculture, and
  - (iii) tank-based aquaculture in Zone R1 General Residential, Zone R2 Low Density Residential, Zone R3 Medium Density Residential, Zone R4 High Density Residential, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone C3 Environmental Management or Zone C4 Environmental Living—that the development is for the purpose of small scale aquarium fish production, and
  - (iv) pond-based aquaculture or tank-based aquaculture in Zone W1 Natural

Waterways, Zone W2 Recreational Waterways or Zone W3 Working Waterways—that the development will use waterways to source water.

- (3) The requirements set out in Part 1 of Schedule 6 are minimum requirements and do not limit the matters a consent authority is required to take into consideration under the Act or the conditions that it may impose on any development consent.
- (4) **Extensive pond-based aquaculture permitted without consent in certain zones**  
Development for the purpose of pond-based aquaculture, that is also extensive aquaculture, may be carried out without development consent if—
- (a) the development is carried out in Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU3 Forestry, Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots or Zone RU6 Transition, and
  - (b) the development complies with the site location requirements and operational requirements set out in Part 2 of Schedule 6.
- (5) **Oyster aquaculture—additional matters that consent authority must consider in determining a development application** In determining a development application for development for the purpose of oyster aquaculture, the consent authority must consider—
- (a) any provisions of any aquaculture industry development plan that are relevant to the subject of the development application, and
  - (b) the *NSW Oyster Industry Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy*.
- (6) **Oyster aquaculture permitted without consent in priority oyster aquaculture areas**  
Development for the purpose of oyster aquaculture may be carried out without development consent—
- (a) on land that is wholly within a priority oyster aquaculture area, or
  - (b) on land that is partly within and partly outside a priority oyster aquaculture area, but only if the land outside the area is no more than 0.1 hectare in area.
- (7) **Definitions** In this clause—

**aquaculture industry development plan** means an aquaculture industry development plan published under Part 6 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

**extensive aquaculture** has the same meaning as in the *Fisheries Management (Aquaculture) Regulation 2017*.

**NSW Oyster Industry Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy** means the third edition of the publication of that title, as published in 2016 by the Department of Primary Industries (within the Department of Industry).

**priority oyster aquaculture area** means an area identified as a priority oyster aquaculture area on a map referred to in Chapter 5.3 of the *NSW Oyster Industry Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy*, being a map a copy of which is held in the head office of the Department of Primary Industries (within the Department of Industry) and published on that Department's website.

#### **5.20 Standards that cannot be used to refuse consent—playing and performing music**

- (1) The consent authority must not refuse consent to development in relation to licensed premises on the following grounds—
  - (a) the playing or performance of music, including the following—
    - (i) the genre of music played or performed, or
    - (ii) whether the music played or performed is live or amplified, or
    - (iii) whether the music played or performed is original music, or
    - (iv) the number of musicians or live entertainment acts playing or performing, or
    - (v) the type of instruments played,
  - (b) whether dancing occurs,
  - (c) the presence or use of a dance floor or another area ordinarily used for dancing,
  - (d) the direction in which a stage for players or performers faces,
  - (e) the decorations to be used, including, for example, mirror balls, or lighting used by players or performers.
- (2) The consent authority must not refuse consent to development in relation to licensed premises on the grounds of noise caused by the playing or performance of music, if the consent authority is satisfied the noise may be managed and minimised to an acceptable level.
- (3) In this clause—

**licensed premises** has the same meaning as in the [Liquor Act 2007](#).

#### **5.21 Flood planning**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of land,
  - (b) to allow development on land that is compatible with the flood function and behaviour on the land, taking into account projected changes as a result of climate change,

- (c) to avoid adverse or cumulative impacts on flood behaviour and the environment,
  - (d) to enable the safe occupation and efficient evacuation of people in the event of a flood.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted to development on land the consent authority considers to be within the flood planning area unless the consent authority is satisfied the development—
- (a) is compatible with the flood function and behaviour on the land, and
  - (b) will not adversely affect flood behaviour in a way that results in detrimental increases in the potential flood affectation of other development or properties, and
  - (c) will not adversely affect the safe occupation and efficient evacuation of people or exceed the capacity of existing evacuation routes for the surrounding area in the event of a flood, and
  - (d) incorporates appropriate measures to manage risk to life in the event of a flood, and
  - (e) will not adversely affect the environment or cause avoidable erosion, siltation, destruction of riparian vegetation or a reduction in the stability of river banks or watercourses.
- (3) In deciding whether to grant development consent on land to which this clause applies, the consent authority must consider the following matters—
- (a) the impact of the development on projected changes to flood behaviour as a result of climate change,
  - (b) the intended design and scale of buildings resulting from the development,
  - (c) whether the development incorporates measures to minimise the risk to life and ensure the safe evacuation of people in the event of a flood,
  - (d) the potential to modify, relocate or remove buildings resulting from development if the surrounding area is impacted by flooding or coastal erosion.
- (4) A word or expression used in this clause has the same meaning as it has in the *Considering Flooding in Land Use Planning Guideline* unless it is otherwise defined in this clause.
- (5) In this clause—
- Considering Flooding in Land Use Planning Guideline*** means the *Considering Flooding in Land Use Planning Guideline* published on the Department's website on 14 July 2021.

***flood planning area*** has the same meaning as it has in the Floodplain Development Manual.

***Floodplain Development Manual*** means the *Floodplain Development Manual* (ISBN 0 7347 5476 0) published by the NSW Government in April 2005.

#### **5.22 Special flood considerations**

[Not adopted]

#### **5.23 Public bushland**

[Not adopted]

#### **5.24 Farm stay accommodation**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to diversify the uses of agricultural land without adversely impacting the principal use of the land for primary production,
  - (b) to balance the impact of tourism and related commercial uses with the use of land for primary production, the environment, scenic values, infrastructure and adjoining land uses.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted to development for the purposes of farm stay accommodation on a landholding unless the consent authority is satisfied all buildings or manufactured homes used to accommodate guests on the landholding will be—
  - (a) on the same lot as an existing lawful dwelling house, or
  - (b) on a lot of a size not less than the minimum lot size for a dwelling house to be permitted on the lot under an environmental planning instrument applying to the land.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply if the development is a change of use of an existing dwelling to farm stay accommodation.
- (4) Development consent must not be granted to development for the purposes of farm stay accommodation on land unless the consent authority has considered—
  - (a) whether the development will result in noise or pollution that will have a significant adverse impact on the following on or near the land—
    - (i) residential accommodation,
    - (ii) primary production operations,
    - (iii) other land uses, and



- (b) whether the development will have a significant adverse impact on the following on or near the land—
  - (i) the visual amenity or heritage or scenic values,
  - (ii) native or significant flora or fauna,
  - (iii) water quality,
  - (iv) traffic,
  - (v) the safety of persons, and
- (c) whether the development is on bush fire prone land or flood prone land, and
- (d) the suitability of the land for the development, and
- (e) the compatibility of the development with nearby land uses.

#### **5.25 Farm gate premises**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to allow for tourism and related commercial uses on land used principally for primary production at a scale that does not adversely affect the principal use of the land for primary production,
  - (b) to balance the impact of tourism and related commercial uses with the use of land for primary production, the environment, scenic values, infrastructure and adjoining land uses.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted to development for the purposes of farm gate premises on land unless the consent authority has considered—
  - (a) whether the development will result in noise or pollution that will have a significant adverse impact on the following on or near the land—
    - (i) residential accommodation,
    - (ii) primary production operations,
    - (iii) other land uses, and
  - (b) whether the development will have a significant adverse impact on the following on or near the land—
    - (i) the visual amenity or heritage or scenic values,
    - (ii) native or significant flora or fauna,
    - (iii) water quality,

- (iv) traffic,
- (v) the safety of persons, and
- (c) whether the development is on bush fire prone land or flood prone land, and
- (d) the suitability of the land for the proposed development, and
- (e) the compatibility of the development with nearby land uses.

## **Part 6 Urban release areas**

### **6.1 Arrangements for designated State public infrastructure**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to require satisfactory arrangements to be made for the provision of designated State public infrastructure before the subdivision of land in an urban release area to satisfy needs that arise from development on the land, but only if the land is developed intensively for urban purposes.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted for the subdivision of land in an urban release area if the subdivision would create a lot smaller than the minimum lot size permitted on the land immediately before the land became, or became part of, an urban release area, unless the Director-General has certified in writing to the consent authority that satisfactory arrangements have been made to contribute to the provision of designated State public infrastructure in relation to that lot.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply to—
  - (a) any lot identified in the certificate as a residue lot, or
  - (b) any lot to be created by a subdivision of land that was the subject of a previous development consent granted in accordance with this clause, or
  - (c) any lot that is proposed in the development application to be reserved or dedicated for public open space, public roads, public utility undertakings, educational facilities or any other public purpose, or
  - (d) a subdivision for the purpose only of rectifying an encroachment on any existing lot.
- (3A) This clause does not apply to Lot 1, DP 323945, Yarrawa Road, Denman.
- (4) This clause does not apply to land in an urban release area if all or part of the land is in a region within the meaning of the Act, Division 7.1, Subdivision 4.

### **6.2 Public utility infrastructure**

- (1) Development consent must not be granted for development on land in an urban release area unless the Council is satisfied that any public utility infrastructure that is

essential for the proposed development is available or that adequate arrangements have been made to make that infrastructure available when required.

- (2) This clause does not apply to development for the purpose of providing, extending, augmenting, maintaining or repairing any public utility infrastructure.

### **6.3 Development control plan**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to ensure that development on land in an urban release area occurs in a logical and cost-effective manner, in accordance with a staging plan and only after a development control plan that includes specific controls has been prepared for the land.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted for development on land in an urban release area unless a development control plan that provides for the matters specified in subclause (3) has been prepared for the land.
- (3) The development control plan must provide for all of the following—
- (a) a staging plan for the timely and efficient release of urban land making provision for necessary infrastructure and sequencing,
  - (b) an overall transport movement hierarchy showing the major circulation routes and connections to achieve a simple and safe movement system for private vehicles, public transport, pedestrians and cyclists,
  - (c) an overall landscaping strategy for the protection and enhancement of riparian areas and remnant vegetation, including visually prominent locations, and detailed landscaping requirements for both the public and private domain,
  - (d) a network of passive and active recreational areas,
  - (e) stormwater and water quality management controls,
  - (f) amelioration of natural and environmental hazards, including bushfire, flooding and site contamination and, in relation to natural hazards, the safe occupation of, and the evacuation from, any land so affected,
  - (g) detailed urban design controls for significant development sites,
  - (h) measures to encourage higher density living around transport, open space and service nodes,
  - (i) measures to accommodate and control appropriate neighbourhood commercial and retail uses,
  - (j) suitably located public facilities and services, including provision for appropriate traffic management facilities and parking.

- (4) Subclause (2) does not apply to any of the following development—
- (a) a subdivision for the purpose of a realignment of boundaries that does not create additional lots,
  - (b) a subdivision of land if any of the lots proposed to be created is to be reserved or dedicated for public open space, public roads or any other public or environmental protection purpose,
  - (c) a subdivision of land in a zone in which the erection of structures is prohibited,
  - (d) proposed development on land that is of a minor nature only, if the consent authority is of the opinion that the carrying out of the proposed development would be consistent with the objectives of the zone in which the land is situated.

#### **6.4 Relationship between Part and remainder of Plan**

A provision of this Part prevails over any other provision of this Plan to the extent of any inconsistency.

### **Part 7 Additional local provisions**

#### **7.1 Terrestrial biodiversity**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to protect, maintain and improve the diversity of landscapes, including—
- (a) protecting the biological diversity of native fauna and flora, and
  - (b) protecting ecological processes necessary for their continued existence, and
  - (c) encouraging the recovery of threatened species, communities and populations and their habitats.
- (2) This clause applies to land identified as “Biodiversity” on the *Terrestrial Biodiversity Map*.
- (3) Development consent must not be granted for development on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that the development satisfies the objective of this clause and—
- (a) the development is designed and will be located and managed to avoid any potential adverse environmental impact, or
  - (b) if a potential adverse environmental impact cannot be avoided, the development—
    - (i) is designed and located so as to have minimum adverse impact, and
    - (ii) incorporates effective measures to remedy or mitigate any adverse impact

caused.

## **7.2 Subdivision in Zone RU1 Primary Production and Zone C3 Environmental Management**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to ensure that land to which this clause applies is not fragmented by subdivisions that would create additional dwelling entitlements.
- (2) This clause applies to land in Zone RU1 Primary Production and Zone C3 Environmental Management that is used, or proposed to be used, for residential accommodation or tourist and visitor accommodation.
- (3) Development consent must not be granted to the subdivision of a lot in a strata plan or community title scheme on land to which this clause applies.

## **7.3 Controls relating to rural worker's dwellings**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to ensure that rural worker's dwellings permitted on land in rural zones are erected only because of a genuine long-term need for the dwellings,
  - (b) to ensure that the erection of rural worker's dwellings is relevant to the nature of the land uses occurring on the land.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted for the purpose of erecting rural worker's dwellings on land in a rural zone unless the consent authority is satisfied of the following—
  - (a) that the existing or future uses of the land are of a nature and scale that will require the ongoing employment of additional rural workers on a permanent or seasonal basis,
  - (b) that the nature of the existing or future uses of the land is such that, if workers would be required to live off-site, there would be a significant adverse impact to the relevant agricultural or rural industry,
  - (c) that the number of proposed rural worker's dwellings is compatible with the nature and scale of existing or future uses of the land,
  - (d) that the proposed dwelling will be located on the same lot as the principal residence and share existing access.

## **7.4 Subdivision in Zone R1 General Residential and Zone RU5 Village**

- (1) This clause applies to a subdivision of any land that requires development consent and is in Zone R1 General Residential or Zone RU5 Village.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted for subdivision development on the land to which this clause applies until the land is adequately serviced with water and

sewerage, or arrangements satisfactory to the consent authority have been made to service it.

### **7.5 Erection of dwelling houses on land in certain rural and conservation zones**

- (1) This clause applies to any of the following zones—
  - (a) Zone RU1 Primary Production,
  - (b) Zone RU3 Forestry,
  - (c) Zone C3 Environmental Management.
- (2) Development consent must not be granted for the erection of a dwelling house on a lot in a zone to which this clause applies, and on which no dwelling house has been erected, unless the lot is—
  - (a) a lot created in accordance with clause 4.1, or
  - (b) a lot created before this Plan commenced and on which the erection of a dwelling house was permissible immediately before that commencement, or
  - (c) a lot created before this Plan commenced that is at least the minimum lot size specified for that lot by the [Lot Size Map](#), or
  - (d) a lot for which subdivision approval was granted before this Plan commenced and on which the erection of a dwelling house would have been permissible immediately before that commencement, or
  - (e) an existing holding.

**Note—**

A dwelling cannot be erected on a lot created under clause 9 of [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Rural Lands\) 2008](#) or clause 4.2.

- (3) Despite any other provision of this clause, development consent may be granted for the erection of a dwelling house on land in a zone to which this clause applies if—
  - (a) there is a lawfully erected dwelling house on the land and the dwelling house to be erected is intended only to replace the existing dwelling house, or
  - (b) the land would have been a lot or a holding referred to in subclause (2) had it not been affected by—
    - (i) a minor realignment of its boundaries that did not create an additional lot, or
    - (ii) a subdivision creating or widening a public road or public reserve or for another public purpose.
- (4) In this clause—

**existing holding** means all adjoining land, even if separated by a road or railway, held in the same ownership—

- (a) on 11 April 1974, and
- (b) at the time of lodging a development application for the erection of a dwelling house under this clause,

and includes any other land adjoining that land acquired by the owner since 11 April 1974.

**Note—**

The owner in whose ownership all the land is at the time the application is lodged need not be the same person as the owner in whose ownership all the land was on the stated date.

## **7.6 Earthworks**

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—
  - (a) to ensure that earthworks for which development consent is required will not have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, neighbouring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land,
  - (b) to allow earthworks of a minor nature without requiring separate development consent.
- (2) Development consent is required for earthworks unless—
  - (a) the work is exempt development under this Plan or another applicable environmental planning instrument, or
  - (b) the work is ancillary to other development for which development consent has been given.
- (3) Before granting development consent for earthworks, the consent authority must consider the following matters—
  - (a) the likely disruption of, or any detrimental effect on, existing drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality,
  - (b) the effect of the proposed development on the likely future use or redevelopment of the land,
  - (c) the quality of the fill or of the soil to be excavated, or both,
  - (d) the effect of the proposed development on the existing and likely amenity of adjoining properties,
  - (e) the source of any fill material or the destination of any excavated material,

- (f) the likelihood of disturbing relics,
- (g) the proximity to and potential for adverse impacts on any watercourse, drinking water catchment or environmentally sensitive area.

**Note—**

The [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#), particularly section 86, deals with disturbing or excavating land and Aboriginal objects.

### **7.7 (Repealed)**

### **7.8 Events permitted on public reserves and public roads without development consent**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to provide for the temporary use of public reserves and public roads for exhibitions, meetings, concerts or events.
- (2) Despite any other provision of this Plan, development (including any associated temporary structures) for the purpose of a temporary event may be carried out on a public reserve or public road without development consent.

**Note—**

Other approvals may be required, and must be obtained, under other Acts, including the [Local Government Act 1993](#), the [Roads Act 1993](#) and the [Crown Land Management Act 2016](#).

- (3) [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Miscellaneous Consent Provisions\) 2007](#) does not apply to development to which this clause applies.
- (4) In this clause—

**public reserve** has the same meaning as in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

**temporary event** means an exhibition, meeting, concert or other event that is open to the public and conducted for a period of not more than 52 days (whether or not consecutive) in any period of 12 months.

### **7.9 Development on certain land at Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook**

- (1) This clause applies to Lot 41, DP 592207, 3 Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook.
- (2) Despite clause 7.5, development consent may be granted to development for the purpose of a single dwelling house.

### **7.10 Ground floor development in Zone E2**

- (1) This clause applies to land identified as “Area A” on the [Key Sites Map](#).
- (2) Development consent must not be granted to development for the purposes of commercial premises on the ground floor of a building on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that the ground floor—



- (a) will not be used for the purposes of residential accommodation, and
  - (b) will not be used for a car park or to provide ancillary car parking spaces, and
  - (c) will provide for uses and building design elements that encourage interaction between the inside of the building and the external public areas adjoining the building.
- (3) Subclause (2)(b) does not apply to a site that—
- (a) is greater than 60m in depth from all street frontages, or
  - (b) has a gradient steeper than 15%, measured from boundary to boundary, or
  - (c) is owned by a public authority and is to be used as a public or commuter car park.
- (4) Subclause (2)(c) does not apply to a part of a building that—
- (a) faces a service lane that the consent authority is satisfied does not require active street frontages, or
  - (b) is used for one or more of the following purposes—
    - (i) a lobby for a commercial, residential, serviced apartment or hotel part of the building,
    - (ii) access for fire services,
    - (iii) vehicular access.

## **Schedule 1 Additional permitted uses**

(Clause 2.5)

### **1 Use of certain land at 142-144 Sydney Street, Muswellbrook**

- (1) This clause applies to land at 142-144 Sydney Street, Muswellbrook, being Lots 2 and 3, DP 220375 and Lot 21, DP 22107.
- (2) Development for the purpose of a vehicle repair station is permitted with consent.

### **2 Subdivision of certain land at 5052 Jerry's Plains Road, Denman**

- (1) This clause applies to land at 5052 Jerry's Plains Road, Denman, being Lot 137, DP 730142.
- (2) Development for the purposes of subdivision creating 1 lot with an area of 6ha for the purposes of an information and education facility is permitted with consent.

### **3 Use of certain land at New England Highway, Muswellbrook**

- (1) This clause applies to land at New England Highway, Muswellbrook, being Lot 4, DP 1103173.
- (2) Development for the purpose of serviced apartments is permitted with consent.

### **4 Use of certain land in Zone E3**

- (1) This clause applies to land identified as “Area 1” on the [Key Sites Map](#).
- (2) Development for the purposes of commercial premises is permitted with development consent.

## **Schedule 2 Exempt development**

(Clause 3.1)

#### **Note 1—**

[State Environmental Planning Policy \(Exempt and Complying Development Codes\) 2008](#) specifies exempt development under that Policy. The Policy has State-wide application. This Schedule contains additional exempt development not specified in that Policy.

#### **Note 2—**

Exempt development may be carried out without the need for development consent under the Act. Such development is not exempt from any approval, licence, permit or authority that is required under any other Act and adjoining owners’ property rights and the common law still apply.

### **Advertising structures**

- (1) Must not cover mechanical ventilation inlet or outlet vents.
- (2) Advertising panels (business identification signs or building identification signs) must comply with the following—
  - (a) Maximum area—1m<sup>2</sup>.
  - (b) Only 1 per property.
  - (c) Must be secure and stable.
- (3) An A-frame sign on private land used in conjunction with an existing premises for which consent has been granted on land that is in Zone E1, must comply with the following—
  - (a) Only 1 per property.
  - (b) Must not involve any live or recorded entertainment including music, broadcast programs, flashing lights or the like.
  - (c) Area must immediately adjoin the premises and not obstruct access to the

premises or to any adjacent premises.

(d) Maximum display area (on each side)— $0.5\text{m}^2$ .

(e) Must be secure and stable.

(f) Must not involve construction work.

(g) Must be temporary and must be removed at the close of business.

(4) Change of message on existing sign must comply with the following—

(a) Sign must have been previously consented to by the consent authority or erected as exempt development.

(b) Must not change signage illumination.

(c) New message must comply with any content requirements of any existing consent.

(d) Must not change dimensions of sign.

(5) Fascia sign must comply with the following—

(a) Must be attached to an existing fascia and fixed flush with the fascia.

(b) Must not extend above or below the fascia or return end of the awning.

(c) Must not be illuminated.

(d) Only 1 per property.

(6) Flush wall sign must comply with the following—

(a) Maximum area— $2.5\text{m}^2$ .

(b) Must be securely fixed to an existing wall.

(c) Maximum height— $3.5\text{m}$  above ground level (existing).

(d) Must not be illuminated.

(e) Only 1 per property in Zone R1 General Residential and Zone RU5 Village.

(f) Maximum of 2 per property in all other zones.

(g) Must contain only a reference to identify the subject premises or a description of the subject premises, activities or professional affiliations of the occupation conducted in the building to which the sign is attached.

(7) Pole or pylon sign must comply with the following—

- (a) Maximum height—6m.
  - (b) Maximum area of advertising panel (per side)—2.5m<sup>2</sup>.
  - (c) Only 1 per property.
  - (d) May only be in Zone E4.
  - (e) Must be built in accordance with engineer's certification for the structure and footings.
- (8) Real estate sign must comply with the following—
- (a) Maximum area (per side)—
    - (i) single dwelling house—2.5m<sup>2</sup>.
    - (ii) multi-dwelling development of less than 10 dwelling houses—5m<sup>2</sup>.
    - (iii) multi-dwelling development of 10 or more dwelling houses—10m<sup>2</sup>.
    - (iv) commercial building—5m<sup>2</sup>.
    - (v) rural property—10m<sup>2</sup>.
    - (vi) subdivision of less than 20 lots—10m<sup>2</sup>.
    - (vii) subdivision of 20 lots or more—15m<sup>2</sup>.
  - (b) Must not be erected until development approval for the building or subdivision has been granted.
  - (c) Maximum return—0.2m.
  - (d) Must contain only a notice that the building or site to which it is fixed is for sale or for let.
  - (e) Maximum of 1 sign for each property or subdivision stage.
  - (f) Must not be illuminated.
  - (g) Must be removed within 14 days of the sale of the property or in the case of subdivisions, when 90% of lots are sold, or within 5 years, whichever occurs first.
  - (h) Maximum height—8m.
  - (i) Only 1 directional sign with a maximum area of 1m<sup>2</sup> is allowed in Zone RU1 Primary Production to direct people to the site or for auction or inspection purposes.
  - (j) Must not interfere with sight distances for vehicles approaching intersections.

- (9) Temporary sign (including a sign announcing an authorised local event for religious, educational, cultural, political, social or recreational purposes) must comply with the following—
- (a) Maximum height—3m.
  - (b) Sign must not be higher than building it is mounted on.
  - (c) Maximum area—3m<sup>2</sup>.
  - (d) Must not be illuminated.
  - (e) Any sponsor's names or logos must be less prominent than the message.
  - (f) Must not be displayed earlier than 28 days before an event.
  - (g) Must not be displayed later than 14 days after an event.
- (10) Top hamper sign (including a sign attached to the transom of a doorway or display window of a building) must comply with the following—
- (a) Must be fixed flush to the wall.
  - (b) Must be securely fixed.
  - (c) Must not extend below the head of the doorway or window to which it is attached.
  - (d) Must not extend more than 0.2m beyond any building alignment.
  - (e) Must not be illuminated.
- (11) Under awning sign must comply with the following—
- (a) May only be located in Zone E1.
  - (b) Must not be less than 2.6m from the ground or footpath to the underside of the sign.
  - (c) Maximum length—2.5m.
  - (d) Only 1 per property.
  - (e) Must be securely fixed to awning.
  - (f) Must not project beyond the awning.
  - (g) Must be erected horizontal to the ground.
  - (h) Must be located more than 3m from another under awning sign.
- (12) Window sign (including a sign displayed on a shop window) must comply with the

following—

- (a) May only be located in Zone E1 and Zone E4.
- (b) Must not cover more than 75% of shop window.
- (c) Must not be illuminated.
- (d) Must be located on ground level facade.
- (e) Only 1 per shop window.

(13) Must not be on a heritage item.

**A-frame signs, display of goods and street furniture on footpath**

- (1) Must be associated with a lawfully established business.
- (2) Must be on the part of the footpath that is adjacent to that business.
- (3) Must not obstruct access to the premises, adjacent premises or pedestrians using footpath.
- (4) Must be temporary and removed at the close of business each day.
- (5) Must be secure and stable.
- (6) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and any relevant Australian Standards.
- (7) Must not involve construction work.
- (8) Must be authorised under Division 3 of Part 9 of the [Roads Act 1993](#).
- (9) If street furniture is used as part of an outdoor eating area, approval must be obtained under section 125 of the [Roads Act 1993](#).
- (10) **A-frame signs** Must also comply with the following—
  - (a) maximum 1 per premises,
  - (b) maximum display area—0.5m<sup>2</sup>.

**Bridge and road maintenance (RU1, C3 and W1 zones only)**

- (1) Must be existing bridge or road.
- (2) Works must not involve altering widths or other dimensions of the existing bridge or road.

**Building alterations (new external windows, glazed areas and doors)—residential premises**

- (1) Must comply with the following—
  - (a) AS 1288—2006, *Glass in buildings—Selection and installation*,
  - (b) AS/NZS 2208—1996, *Safety glazing materials in buildings*.
- (2) Structural support members must not be removed.
- (3) Must not reduce the area provided for light and ventilation.
- (4) Must not compromise swimming pool barrier.
- (5) Privacy and security—if a proposed window is in a habitable room and will allow an outlook to a window of a habitable room in a neighbouring dwelling house and the distance between the two windows is less than 9m, the proposed window—
  - (a) must be offset from its edge to the edge of the other window by a distance of 1m, and
  - (b) must have a sill height of 1.5m above ground level (existing), and
  - (c) must have fixed obscure glazing in any part of the window below 1.5m above ground level (existing).
- (6) Must not be on a heritage item.
- (7) Does not include replacement of windows, glazed areas and doors.

**Change the use of a building (or part of a building) from an industry to a light industry**

- (1) Previous use must have been a lawful use.
- (2) New use must comply with any existing condition of consent.
- (3) New use must be a permissible use in the zone.
- (4) New use must not change approved area of premises.
- (5) New use must not extend existing hours of operation.
- (6) New use must not exceed 500m<sup>2</sup> in total floor area.
- (7) Building must have rear service access or access to off-street loading facilities.
- (8) The curtilage of the building must not be used for storage or display purposes.
- (9) New use must be consistent with any condition of consent of the existing use relating to the following—

- (a) the maintenance of landscaping,
  - (b) the parking of vehicles,
  - (c) the provision of space for the loading or unloading of goods or vehicles.
- (10) New use must not result in any premises being used for potentially hazardous industry or offensive industries.

**Moveable dwelling installation (including caravans)—on land other than approved sites**

- (1) Must not involve more than 2 caravans or campervans on any land.
- (2) Must not be occupied for more than 2 days at a time and not more than 60 days in total in any 12-month period.
- (3) If located on land on which a dwelling house is situated, must be occupied only by the owner of the dwelling or members of the owners household.
- (4) If only located on pastoral or agricultural land, must be occupied seasonally by persons employed in pastoral or agricultural operations on the land.
- (5) Occupant must have continuous access to approved toilet, laundry and shower facilities.
- (6) Must not be on bush fire prone land.

**Schedule 3 Complying development**

(Clause 3.2)

**Note—**

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* specifies complying development and the complying development conditions for that development under that Policy. The Policy has State-wide application. This Schedule contains additional complying development not specified in that Policy.

**Part 1 Types of development**

**Industrial buildings (including minor additions and ancillary structures to existing industrial buildings)**

- (1) Additional floor area created must not exceed 50m<sup>2</sup> and must not be used for manufacturing, industrial or like activity.
- (2) Additional external areas must not be occupied for the purpose of storage or manufacturing or any like activity.
- (3) The total floor area of the building on the site involved must not be more than 2,000m<sup>2</sup>.



- (4) Must not involve a change of building use.
- (5) Must comply with any existing development consent conditions.
- (6) **Setbacks**
  - (a) Each part of the structure must have a front setback of not less than 10m.
  - (b) Each part of the structure must have side and rear setbacks of not less than 3m.
- (7) **Building height and materials**
  - (a) The height of any walls must not be more than 8.5m, not including a parapet.
  - (b) Parapets may extend a maximum of 1.2m above the intersection of the wall and the roof.
  - (c) Roof pitch must not be more than 10 degrees.
  - (d) The site must not be cut or filled greater than 500mm.
  - (e) Cladding and materials used in construction must be new and must have low reflective properties and must be factory pre-coloured.
  - (f) Security fencing must not be greater than 1.8m in height.
- (8) **Drainage**
  - (a) All roof and surface water must be drained to the street and discharged to the consent authority's nearest stormwater drainage system in accordance with an engineer's design.
  - (b) The drainage system must be designed for a 10 year return period, with excess flows designed to flow overland to the street.
- (9) Garbage and storage areas must be on site and behind the building line of the property.
- (10) A landscaping strip of at least 3m (if reticulated sewer is provided) or 6m (if there is no sewer) to each street frontage must be planted and maintained with canopy trees and shrubs with a maximum width of 7m for the driveway.
- (11) Must not change existing arrangements for access, parking spaces, loading and waste disposal.
- (12) Stormwater must be disposed of by way of—
  - (a) a registered stormwater easement, or
  - (b) an inter allotment stormwater pit located within the property boundary, or

- (c) a pipe that connects to the kerb and gutter, or
- (d) an existing approved stormwater drain on site.

## Part 2 Complying development certificate conditions

### Note—

Complying development must comply with the requirements of the Act, the regulations under the Act and this Plan.

### General conditions

Any development specified in Part 1 is subject to the same conditions set out in Schedule 6 to *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*.

## Schedule 4 Classification and reclassification of public land

(Clause 5.2)

### Part 1 Land classified, or reclassified, as operational land—no interests changed

Column 1	Column 2
Locality	Description
Nil	Nil

### Part 2 Land classified, or reclassified, as operational land—interests changed

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Locality	Description	Any trusts etc not discharged
Kayuga	Lot 266, DP 750926 and Lot 1, DP 1143545, Dorset Road	
Muswellbrook	Lots 95 and 96, DP 38328, Dumaresq Street	
Muswellbrook	Lot 83 and part of Lot 82, DP 262393 (part of Brennan Park), identified as operational land on the Land Reclassification (Part Lots) Map	

### Part 3 Land classified, or reclassified, as community land

Column 1	Column 2
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Locality	Description
Nil	Nil

## Schedule 5 Environmental heritage

(Clause 5.10)

### Part 1 Heritage items

Suburb	Item name	Address	Property description	Significance	Item no
Baerami	Baerami Creek Shale Mines and Retort	Baerami Creek Road	Wollemi National Park	State	11
Baerami	Baerami Homestead (including pedestrian bridge)	300 Baerami Creek Road	Lot 11, DP 844666	Local	12
Baerami	Baerami School of Arts	1361 Bylong Valley Way	Lot 115, DP 728996	Local	13
Baerami	Goulburn River National Park	Goulburn River	Goulburn River National Park	State	14
Baerami	Baramul Station (known as Baramul Stud) including Oakleigh cottage, neighbouring barn, remnant cattle race and manager's cottage	Widden Valley Road	Lots 11 and 12, DP 753773; Lot 721, DP 1031885	Local	1129
Baerami	Holbrook Stud	2639 Widden Valley Road	Part of Lot 56, DP 753768	Local	15
Baerami	Wollemi National Park	Wollemi	Wollemi National Park	State	16
Bengalla	Keys Family Private Cemetery	Bengalla Road	Lot 1, DP 236668	Local	17
Bengalla	Bengalla Homestead	183 Bengalla Road	Lot 1, DP 236668	Local	18

Bengalla	Dalmar Stud	690 Bengalla Road	Lots 19–21, DP 563495	Local	19
Bengalla	Overdene	79 Overdene Road	Lot 1, DP 735667	Local	110
Bengalla	Blunt's Butter Factory	179 Overton Road	Lot 1, DP 735667	Local	111
Denman	Former private hospital	5 Crinoline Street	Lot 4, DP 150126	Local	112
Denman	Piercefield	1532–1618 Denman Road	Lot 21, DP 235356	State	113
Denman	Masonic Lodge	18 Jerdan Street	Lot 1, DP 151236	Local	114
Denman	Woodlands Stud	3933 Jerry's Plains Road	Lot 7, DP 42602	State	115
Denman	Glenmunro—slab kitchen	4372 Jerry's Plains Road	Lot 34, DP 752441	Local	116
Denman	Merton	4883 Jerry's Plains Road	Lot 10, DP 618867	State	117
Denman	Merton Cemetery	5052 Jerry's Plains Road	Lot 137, DP 730142	Local	118
Denman	Pickering	221 Mangoola Road	Lots 89 and 90, DP 818690	State	119
Denman	Martindale	1150 Martindale Road	Lot 149, DP 257372	Local	120
Denman	Rumbo Bush School	"Mayland"	Lot 41, DP 752441	Local	121
Denman	Royal Hotel (original)	Ogilvie Street	Lot 10, DP 131315	Local	122
Denman	Denman Hotel	1–5 Ogilvie Street (corner of Palace Street)	Lot 60, DP 1077497	Local	123
Denman	Royal Hotel	10 Ogilvie Street (corner of Palace Street)	Lot 1, DP 1068339	Local	124
Denman	Memorial Hall	30 Ogilvie Street	Lot 1, DP 152143	Local	125
Denman	Former CBC Bank	35 Ogilvie Street	Lot 1, DP 507192	Local	126
Denman	Bakery	49 Ogilvie Street	Lot 101, DP 1121517	Local	127
Denman	Timber cottage	12 Palace Street	Lot 31, DP 630367	Local	128

Denman	Former Anglican Church Rectory	21 Palace Street	Lots 1 and 2, DP 758351	Local	129
Denman	Former Court House Group—police station, residence and lockup	23 Palace Street	Lots 227 and 228, DP 727761	Local	130
Denman	St Matthias' Anglican Church	33-35 Palace Street	Lot 2107, DP 864033	Local	131
Denman	Weatherboard hall	50 Palace Street	Lot 11, Section 22, DP 758731	Local	132
Denman	St Joseph's Hall	80 Palace Street	Part of Lot 2, DP 594471	Local	133
Denman	Former school residence	80 Palace Street	Part of Lot 2, DP 594471	Local	134
Denman	Army munitions base	495 Rosemount Road	Lot 1, DP 849276	Local	135
Denman	Rosemount Winery	659 Rosemount Road	Lot 5, DP 753767	Local	136
Denman	Railway terminus site	Turner Street	Lot 2, DP 597403	Local	137
Denman	Yarrowa Bridge over Hunter River	Yarrowa Road		Local	138
Giants Creek	St John's Anglican Church	1824 Merriwa Road	Lots 300 and 301, DP 750963	Local	139
Giants Creek	Former school and residence	1828 Merriwa Road	Lot 107, DP 750963	Local	140
Giants Creek	Ellamara	1831 Merriwa Road	Lot 23, DP 1035506	Local	141
Hollydeen	Hollydeen Shop	1010 Merriwa Road (corner of Ready Creek Road)	Lot 1, DP 382249	Local	142
Kayuga	Rosedale (or Rosevale) Cottage	687 Kayuga Road	Lot 10, DP 758554	Local	1132
Kayuga	Kayuga Homestead	731 Kayuga Road	Lot 111, DP 873834	Local	1130

Kayuga	Kayuga Cemetery	30 Stair Street	Lot 1, DP 835733	State	143
Kayuga	Riverview	30 Stair Street	Lot 1, DP 835733	Local	1131
Kayuga	Negoa	92 Wiltons Lane	Lot 164, DP 635272	Local	144
Kerrabee	Former post office	3179 Bylong Valley Way	Part of Lots 4 and 5, DP 755437	Local	145
Kerrabee	Old Kerrabee Homestead	3179 Bylong Valley Way	Part of Lots 4 and 5, DP 755437	Local	146
Liddell	Fairview	Hebden Road	Lot 311, DP 549456	Local	147
Liddell	Hillcrest	311 Hebden Road	Lot 311, DP 549456	Local	148
Manobalai	Manobalai Nature Reserve	Yarraman Road	Manobalai Nature Reserve	Local	149
Manobalai	Brogheda	6 Yarraman Road	Lots 2-12, DP 252956; Lot 114, DP 1008972	Local	150
Muswellbrook	Former butter factory	14-15 Aberdeen Street	Lot 21, DP 830326	Local	151
Muswellbrook	Armitage House	2 Armitage Avenue	Lot 1, DP 367389	Local	152
Muswellbrook	Railway depot (roundhouse)	Bell Street	Lot 1, DP 1006378	Local	153
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook Cemetery	Bowman and Brecht Streets	Lot 7008, DP 1050789	Local	154
Muswellbrook	Birralee	33 Brentwood Street	Lot 101, DP 563612	Local	155
Muswellbrook	School of Arts/ Town Hall	3 Bridge Street	Lot 16, Section 2, DP 752484	Local	156
Muswellbrook	Post office	7 Bridge Street	Lot 17, Section 2, DP 758740	Local	157
Muswellbrook	Royal Hotel	10-16 Bridge Street	Lot 221, DP 1050954	Local	158
Muswellbrook	Former picture theatre	17 Bridge Street	Lot 51, DP 850159	Local	159
Muswellbrook	Westpac Bank building	19 Bridge Street	Lot 60, DP 847718	Local	160

Muswellbrook	Taskers Pharmacy	26 Bridge Street	Lot 7, DP 1124521	Local	161
Muswellbrook	Edward Higgins Building	30-32 Bridge Street	Lot 8, DP 779354	Local	162
Muswellbrook	Shop front	34 Bridge Street	Lot 9, DP 241160	Local	163
Muswellbrook	Billiards Building	36-40 Bridge Street	Lots 5 and 7, DP 241160	Local	164
Muswellbrook	National Australia Bank building	46-50 Bridge Street	Lot 259, DP 738307	Local	165
Muswellbrook	Former Campbell's and Co store	52 Bridge Street	Lot 201, DP 736071	Local	166
Muswellbrook	Campbell's Corner	60 Bridge Street	Lot 101, DP 606303	Local	167
Muswellbrook	Masonic Lodge	75 Bridge Street	Lot 1, DP 558793	Local	168
Muswellbrook	Uniting Church	110 Bridge Street	Lot 401, DP 816923	Local	169
Muswellbrook	Weidmann Cottage	126 Bridge Street	Lot 7, DP 71755; Lot 8, Section 6, DP 758740	State	170
Muswellbrook	Loxton House	140-142 Bridge Street	Lots 1 and 2, DP 11221	State	171
Muswellbrook	Eatons Group—shop	172 Bridge Street	Part of Lot 7, DP 706807	State	172
Muswellbrook	Eatons Group—St Vincent de Paul Society building	174-176 Bridge Street	Part of Lot 7, DP 706807	State	173
Muswellbrook	Eatons Group—house	178 Bridge Street	Part of Lot 7, DP 706807	State	174
Muswellbrook	Eatons Hotel	182-184 Bridge Street	Lots 2 and 3, DP 37789	State	175
Muswellbrook	Kildonan	208 Bridge Street	Lot 1, DP 79520	Local	176
Muswellbrook	St James' Roman Catholic Church	Brook Street	Lots 12-15, Section 2, DP 758740; Lots 8 and 9, DP 1098501; Lot 81, DP 1156904	Local	177

Muswellbrook	Roman Catholic convent	Brook Street	Part of Lot 213, DP 839334	Local	178
Muswellbrook	Kerb and guttering	Brook Street (Bridge Street to railway line)		Local	179
Muswellbrook	St Alban's Anglican Church	20 Brook Street	Lots 18-20, Section 6, DP 758740	State	180
Muswellbrook	Koombahla Villa	23 Cook Street	Lot A, DP 376002	Local	181
Muswellbrook	Yammanie	307 Denman Road	Part of Lot 102, DP 1170190	Local	182
Muswellbrook	Balmoral	310 Denman Road	Lot 14, DP 236687	Local	183
Muswellbrook	Edinglassie	710 Denman Road	Part of Lot 15, DP 228159	State	184
Muswellbrook	Rous Lench	710 Denman Road	Part of Lot 15, DP 228159; Lot 141, DP 533001	State	185
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook Infants School	Dolahenty Street (corner of King Street)	Lot 258, DP 821029	Local	186
Muswellbrook	Edderton Homestead	Edderton Road	Part of Lot 9, DP 843635	Local	189
Muswellbrook	Plashett Homestead	Edderton Road	Lot 2, DP 616024	Local	190
Muswellbrook	Beer Homestead	721 Edderton Road	Part of Lots 4 and 8, DP 29950	Local	187
Muswellbrook	Belmont	721 Edderton Road	Part of Lots 4 and 8, DP 29950	Local	188
Muswellbrook	Skellatar—St Mary's Catholic School	17 Fitzgerald Avenue	Lot 18, DP 865736	Local	191
Muswellbrook	Minch's Wine Shop	18 Foley Street	Lot 72, DP 714227	Local	192
Muswellbrook	St John's Presbyterian Church	Hill Street	Lot 21, DP 828480	Local	193
Muswellbrook	Former St John's Presbyterian Church	Hill Street	Lot 21, DP 828480	Local	194



Muswellbrook	Former Presbyterian manse	106 Hill Street	Lot 20, DP 828480	Local	195
Muswellbrook	Timber cottage	129 Hill Street	Lots 7 and 30, DP 3069	Local	196
Muswellbrook	Oak Milk Factory	Hunter Street	Lot 1, DP 995228	Local	197
Muswellbrook	St Alban's Anglican Rectory	Corner Hunter Terrace and Brook Street	Part Lot 1, DP 810740	Local	198
Muswellbrook	House	9-11 Hunter Terrace	Lots A and B, DP 151538	Local	199
Muswellbrook	Brighton Villa	12 Hunter Terrace	Lot 1, DP 784046	Local	1100
Muswellbrook	St Albans Sunday School	15 Hunter Terrace	Part of Lot 1, DP 810740	Local	1101
Muswellbrook	Kayuga Bridge	Kayuga Road		State	1102
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook High School	King Street	Lot 258, DP 821029	Local	1103
Muswellbrook	Hennor	18-20 Maitland Street	Lot 3, DP 518666; Lot 12, DP 519525	Local	1104
Muswellbrook	Railway station	Market Street	Lots 11 and 12, DP 1115346	State	1105
Muswellbrook	Railway signal box	Market Street	Railway reserve, adjacent to Lot 12, DP 1115346	State	1106
Muswellbrook	Simpson Park and Reserve	Market Street (corner of Sydney Street)		Local	1107
Muswellbrook	Railway Hotel	10-14 Market Street	Lot 7, DP 833145	Local	1108
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook Hotel	46 Market Street	Lot 14, Section 10, DP 758740	Local	1109
Muswellbrook	House	5 Midanga Avenue	Lot 141, DP 862505	Local	1110
Muswellbrook	Stone bridge	Muscle Creek Road	Lot 41, DP 748269	Local	1111
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook Brick Works	Muswellbrook Common	Lot 101, DP 578075	Local	1112
Muswellbrook	St Heliers	70 St Heliers Road	Lot 23, DP 220328	Local	1113

Muswellbrook	Gelston	409 Sandy Creek Road	Lots 1 and 2, DP 593335; Lot 165, DP 571192	Local	1114
Muswellbrook	Lime Kiln—E.I.E.I.O	540 Sandy Creek Road	Lot 165, DP 633737	Local	1115
Muswellbrook	St James' Roman Catholic presbytery	4 Sowerby Street	Lot 10, DP 665235	Local	1116
Muswellbrook	Atherstone	5 Sowerby Street	Lot 712, DP 851702	Local	1117
Muswellbrook	Former hospital	37 Sowerby Street	Lot 4, DP 719055	Local	1118
Muswellbrook	Kerb and guttering	Sydney Street (Maitland Street to Haydon Street)		Local	1119
Muswellbrook	Former Royal Hotel	1 Sydney Street	Lot 1, DP 67742	Local	1120
Muswellbrook	Former barber shop	7 Sydney Street	Lot 1, DP 797354	Local	1121
Muswellbrook	Prince of Wales Tavern	28-30 Sydney Street	Lots 1, 2 and 5, Section 5, DP 219434	Local	1122
Muswellbrook	Valley Hotel/ Motel	33 Sydney Street	Lot 61, DP 733294	Local	1123
Muswellbrook	Fitzgerald/ Olympic Park Gates	Wilkinson Avenue	Lot 7010, DP 93327	Local	1124
Muswellbrook	Police station	William Street	Lot 701, DP 93314	Local	1125
Muswellbrook	Shamrock Hotel	30 William Street	Lot 1, DP 340887	Local	1126
Sandy Hollow	Shale Oil Retorts	1590 Merriwa Road	Lot 200, DP 1005305	Local	1127
Wybong	Wybong Cemetery	Yarraman Road	Lots 81-86, DP 750959; Lot 7004, DP 93976	Local	1128

## Part 2 Heritage conservation areas

**Name of heritage conservation area**

**Identification on heritage map Significance**

Denman Heritage Conservation Area	Shown by a red outline with red hatching and labelled "C1"	Local
Muswellbrook Residential Heritage Conservation Area	Shown by a red outline with red hatching and labelled "C2"	Local
Muswellbrook Business Heritage Conservation Area	Shown by a red outline with red hatching and labelled "C3"	Local

## Schedule 6 Pond-based and tank-based aquaculture

(Clause 5.19)

### Part 1 Pond-based and tank-based aquaculture

#### Division 1 Site location requirements

##### 1 Conservation exclusion zones

- (1) Must not be carried out on the following land, except to the extent necessary to gain access to water—
  - (a) land declared an area of outstanding biodiversity value under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*,
  - (b) vacant Crown land,
  - (c) land within a wetland of international significance declared under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
- (2) Must not be carried out on the following land, except for the purposes of minimal infrastructure to support the extraction of water from, and discharge of water to, the land concerned—
  - (a) land declared as an aquatic reserve under the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*,
  - (b) land declared as a marine park under the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*.

**Note—**

Nothing in this clause affects any requirement under an Act relating to land specified in this clause to obtain a licence or other authority under that Act for development of the land.

#### Division 2 Operational requirements

##### 2 Species selection

Species of fish or marine vegetation cultivated or kept must be consistent with the relevant aquaculture industry development plan (within the meaning of clause 5.19).

### **3 Pond-based aquaculture that is also intensive aquaculture—pond design**

For pond-based aquaculture that is also intensive aquaculture—ponds must be capable of being drained or pumped and then completely dried.

### **4 Pond-based aquaculture and tank-based aquaculture that is also intensive aquaculture—freshwater discharges**

For pond-based aquaculture and tank-based aquaculture that is also intensive aquaculture—no discharge of freshwater used to intensively cultivate or keep fish to natural waterbodies or wetlands is permitted, except freshwater discharge from open flow through systems.

### **5 Outlets from culture ponds etc**

All outlets from culture ponds, tanks and other culture facilities must be screened to avoid the escape of fish.

### **6 Definition**

In this Division—

**intensive aquaculture** has the same meaning as it has in the *Fisheries Management (Aquaculture) Regulation 2017*.

## **Part 2 Extensive pond-based aquaculture**

### **Division 1 Site location requirements**

#### **7 Conservation exclusion zones**

- (1) Must not be carried out on the following land, except to the extent necessary to gain access to water—
  - (a) land declared an area of outstanding biodiversity value under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*,
  - (b) vacant Crown land,
  - (c) land within a wetland of international significance declared under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

#### **Note—**

Nothing in this clause affects any requirement under an Act relating to land specified in this clause to obtain a licence or other authority under that Act for development of the land.

#### **8 Flood liability**

Must be designed or constructed on land so that it will not be inundated by the discharge of a 1:100 ARI (average recurrent interval) flood event.

## Division 2 Operational requirements

### 9 Species selection

Species of fish or marine vegetation cultivated or kept must be consistent with the relevant aquaculture industry development plan (within the meaning of clause 5.19).

### 10 Pond design

- (1) Must not require the construction of new ponds, water storages, dams or buildings.
- (2) Must not be located on permanent watercourses, creeks, billabongs or isolated outreaches of creeks or rivers.
- (3) Must be capable of preventing the escape of stock into natural waterbodies or wetlands.

### 11 Culture water

Must use freshwater.

## Dictionary

(Clause 1.4)

**Aboriginal object** means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction, and includes Aboriginal remains.

**Aboriginal place of heritage significance** means an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the [Heritage Map](#), that is—

- (a) the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- (b) a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

**Note—**

The term may include (but is not limited to) places that are declared under section 84 of the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#) to be Aboriginal places for the purposes of that Act.

**acid sulfate soils** means naturally occurring sediments and soils containing iron sulfides (principally pyrite) or their precursors or oxidation products, whose exposure to oxygen leads to the generation of sulfuric acid (for example, by drainage or excavation).

**Acid Sulfate Soils Manual** means the manual by that name published by the Acid Sulfate Soils Management Advisory Committee and made publicly available.

**advertisement** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

The term is defined as a sign, notice, device or representation in the nature of an advertisement visible from any public place or public reserve or from any navigable water.

**advertising structure** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

The term is defined as a structure used or to be used principally for the display of an advertisement.

Advertising structures are a type of **signage**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**affordable housing** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

The term is defined as housing for very low income households, low income households or moderate income households, being such households as are prescribed by the regulations or as are provided for in an environmental planning instrument.

**agricultural produce industry** means a building or place used for the handling, treating, processing or packing, for commercial purposes, of produce from agriculture (including dairy products, seeds, fruit, vegetables or other plant material), and includes wineries, flour mills, cotton seed oil plants, cotton gins, feed mills, cheese and butter factories, and juicing or canning plants, but does not include a livestock processing industry.

**Note—**

Agricultural produce industries are a type of **rural industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**agriculture** means any of the following—

- (aaa) agritourism,
- (a) aquaculture,
- (b) extensive agriculture,
- (c) intensive livestock agriculture,
- (d) intensive plant agriculture.

**Note—**

Part 6 of the [Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999](#) provides that exempt farm forestry within the meaning of that Act is not subject to the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

**agritourism** means the following—

- (a) farm gate premises,
- (b) farm experience premises.

**Note—**

Agritourism is a type of **agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**air transport facility** means an airport or a heliport that is not part of an airport, and includes associated communication and air traffic control facilities or structures.

**airport** means a place that is used for the landing, taking off, parking, maintenance or repair of aeroplanes, and includes associated buildings, installations, facilities and movement areas and any heliport that is part of the airport.

**Note—**

Airports are a type of **air transport facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**airstrip** means a single runway for the landing, taking off or parking of aeroplanes for private aviation only, but does not include an airport, heliport or helipad.

**amusement centre** means a building or place (not being part of a pub or registered club) used principally for playing—

- (a) billiards, pool or other like games, or
- (b) electronic or mechanical amusement devices, such as pinball machines, computer or video games and the like.

**animal boarding or training establishment** means a building or place used for the breeding, boarding, training, keeping or caring of animals for commercial purposes (other than for the agistment of horses), and includes any associated riding school or ancillary veterinary hospital.

**aquaculture** has the same meaning as in the [Fisheries Management Act 1994](#). It includes oyster aquaculture, pond-based aquaculture and tank-based aquaculture.

**Note—**

Aquaculture is a type of **agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**archaeological site** means a place that contains one or more relics.

**artisan food and drink industry** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the making or manufacture of boutique, artisan or craft food or drink products only. It must also include at least one of the following—

- (a) a retail area for the sale of the products,
- (b) the preparation and serving, on a retail basis, of food and drink to people for consumption on the premises, whether or not liquor, take away meals and drinks or entertainment are also provided,
- (c) facilities for holding tastings, tours or workshops.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls in certain zones relating to the retail floor area of an artisan food and drink industry.

Artisan food and drink industries are a type of **light industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**attached dwelling** means a building containing 3 or more dwellings, where—

- (a) each dwelling is attached to another dwelling by a common wall, and
- (b) each of the dwellings is on its own lot of land, and

(c) none of the dwellings is located above any part of another dwelling.

**Note—**

Attached dwellings are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**attic** means any habitable space, but not a separate dwelling, contained wholly within a roof above the ceiling line of the storey immediately below, except for minor elements such as dormer windows and the like.

**backpackers' accommodation** means a building or place that—

- (a) provides temporary or short-term accommodation on a commercial basis, and
- (b) has shared facilities, such as a communal bathroom, kitchen or laundry, and
- (c) provides accommodation on a bed or dormitory-style basis (rather than by room).

**Note—**

Backpackers' accommodation is a type of **tourist and visitor accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**basement** means the space of a building where the floor level of that space is predominantly below ground level (existing) and where the floor level of the storey immediately above is less than 1 metre above ground level (existing).

**bed and breakfast accommodation** means an existing dwelling in which temporary or short-term accommodation is provided on a commercial basis by the permanent residents of the dwelling and where—

- (a) meals are provided for guests only, and
- (b) cooking facilities for the preparation of meals are not provided within guests' rooms, and
- (c) dormitory-style accommodation is not provided.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the number of bedrooms for bed and breakfast accommodation.

Bed and breakfast accommodation is a type of **tourist and visitor accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**bee keeping** means a building or place used for the keeping and breeding of bees for commercial purposes.

**Note—**

Bee keeping is a type of **extensive agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**biodiversity** or **biological diversity** means the variety of living animal and plant life from all sources, and includes diversity within and between species and diversity of ecosystems.

**biosolids treatment facility** means a building or place used as a facility for the treatment of biosolids from a sewage treatment plant or from a water recycling facility.

**Note—**



Biosolids treatment facilities are a type of **sewerage system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**boarding house** means a building or place—

- (a) that provides residents with a principal place of residence for at least 3 months, and
- (b) that contains shared facilities, such as a communal living room, bathroom, kitchen or laundry, and
- (c) that contains rooms, some or all of which may have private kitchen and bathroom facilities, and
- (d) used to provide affordable housing, and
- (e) if not carried out by or on behalf of the Land and Housing Corporation—managed by a registered community housing provider,

but does not include backpackers' accommodation, co-living housing, a group home, hotel or motel accommodation, seniors housing or a serviced apartment.

**boat building and repair facility** means any facility (including a building or other structure) used primarily for the construction, maintenance or repair of boats, whether or not including the storage, sale or hire of boats, but does not include a marina or boat shed.

**boat launching ramp** means a structure designed primarily for the launching of trailer borne recreational vessels, and includes associated car parking facilities.

**boat shed** means a building or other structure used for the storage and routine maintenance of a boat or boats and that is associated with a private dwelling or non-profit organisation, and includes any skid used in connection with the building or other structure.

**brothel** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

This definition is relevant to the definitions of **home occupation (sex services)** and **sex services premises** in this Dictionary.

**building** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

The term is defined to include part of a building and any structure or part of a structure, but not including a manufactured home, a moveable dwelling or associated structure (or part of a manufactured home, moveable dwelling or associated structure).

**building height (or height of building)** means—

- (a) in relation to the height of a building in metres—the vertical distance from ground level (existing) to the highest point of the building, or
- (b) in relation to the RL of a building—the vertical distance from the Australian Height Datum to the highest point of the building,

including plant and lift overruns, but excluding communication devices, antennae, satellite dishes, masts, flagpoles, chimneys, flues and the like.

**building identification sign** means a sign that identifies or names a building and that may include the name of a building, the street name and number of a building, and a logo or other symbol but does not include general advertising of products, goods or services.

**Note—**

Building identification signs are a type of **signage**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**building line** or **setback** means the horizontal distance between the property boundary or other stated boundary (measured at 90 degrees from the boundary) and—

- (a) a building wall, or
- (b) the outside face of any balcony, deck or the like, or
- (c) the supporting posts of a carport or verandah roof,

whichever distance is the shortest.

**bush fire hazard reduction work** has the same meaning as in the [Rural Fires Act 1997](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**bush fire hazard reduction work** means—

- (a) the establishment or maintenance of fire breaks on land, and
- (b) the controlled application of appropriate fire regimes or other means for the reduction or modification of available fuels within a predetermined area to mitigate against the spread of a bush fire,

but does not include construction of a track, trail or road.

**bush fire prone land** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

The term is defined, in relation to an area, as land recorded for the time being as bush fire prone land on a map for the area certified as referred to in section 10.3(2) of the Act.

**bush fire risk management plan** means a plan prepared under Division 4 of Part 3 of the [Rural Fires Act 1997](#) for the purpose referred to in section 54 of that Act.

**business identification sign** means a sign—

- (a) that indicates—
  - (i) the name of the person or business, and
  - (ii) the nature of the business carried on by the person at the premises or place at which the sign is displayed, and
- (b) that may include the address of the premises or place and a logo or other symbol that identifies the business,

but that does not contain any advertising relating to a person who does not carry on business at the premises or place.

**Note—**

Business identification signs are a type of **signage**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**business premises** means a building or place at or on which—

- (a) an occupation, profession or trade (other than an industry) is carried on for the provision of services directly to members of the public on a regular basis, or
- (b) a service is provided directly to members of the public on a regular basis,

and includes funeral homes, goods repair and reuse premises and, without limitation, premises such as banks, post offices, hairdressers, dry cleaners, travel agencies, betting agencies and the like, but does not include an entertainment facility, home business, home occupation, home occupation (sex services), medical centre, restricted premises, sex services premises or veterinary hospital.

**Note—**

Business premises are a type of **commercial premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**camping ground** means an area of land, with access to communal amenities, used for the short term placement of campervans, tents, annexes or other similar portable and lightweight temporary shelters for accommodation and includes a primitive camping ground but does not include—

- (a) a caravan park, or
- (b) farm stay accommodation.

**canal estate development**—see clause 2.9.

**car park** means a building or place primarily used for the purpose of parking motor vehicles, including any manoeuvring space and access thereto, whether operated for gain or not.

**caravan park** means an area of land, with access to communal amenities, used for the installation or placement of caravans, or caravans and other moveable dwellings, but does not include farm stay accommodation.

**catchment action plan** has the same meaning as in the [Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined as a catchment action plan of an authority that has been approved by the Minister under Part 4 of the [Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003](#).

**cellar door premises** means a building or place that is used to sell wine by retail and that is situated on land on which there is a commercial vineyard, and where most of the wine offered for sale is produced in a winery situated on that land or is produced predominantly from grapes grown in the surrounding area.

**Note—**

Cellar door premises are a type of **farm gate premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**cemetery** means a building or place used primarily for the interment of deceased persons or pets or their ashes, whether or not it contains an associated building for conducting memorial services.

**centre-based child care facility** means—

- (a) a building or place used for the education and care of children that provides any one or more of the following—
  - (i) long day care,

- (ii) occasional child care,
  - (iii) out-of-school-hours care (including vacation care),
  - (iv) preschool care, or
- (b) an approved family day care venue (within the meaning of the *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)*),

**Note—**

An approved family day care venue is a place, other than a residence, where an approved family day care service (within the meaning of the *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)*) is provided.

but does not include—

- (c) a building or place used for home-based child care or school-based child care, or
- (d) an office of a family day care service (within the meanings of the *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)*), or
- (e) a babysitting, playgroup or child-minding service that is organised informally by the parents of the children concerned, or
- (f) a child-minding service that is provided in connection with a recreational or commercial facility (such as a gymnasium) to care for children while the children's parents are using the facility, or
- (g) a service that is concerned primarily with providing lessons or coaching in, or providing for participation in, a cultural, recreational, religious or sporting activity, or providing private tutoring, or
- (h) a child-minding service that is provided by or in a health services facility, but only if the service is established, registered or licensed as part of the institution operating in the facility.

**Note—**

Centre-based child care facilities are a type of **early education and care facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**charter and tourism boating facility** means any facility (including a building or other structure) used for charter boating or tourism boating purposes, being a facility that is used only by the operators of the facility and that has a direct structural connection between the foreshore and the waterway, but does not include a marina.

**classified road** has the same meaning as in the *Roads Act 1993*.

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**classified road** means any of the following—

- (a) a main road,
- (b) a highway,
- (c) a freeway,
- (d) a controlled access road,
- (e) a secondary road,
- (f) a tourist road,
- (g) a tollway,
- (h) a transitway,
- (i) a State work.

(See [Roads Act 1993](#) for meanings of these terms.)

**clearing native vegetation** has the same meaning as in Part 5A of the [Local Land Services Act 2013](#).

**clearing vegetation** has the same meaning as in [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Biodiversity and Conservation\) 2021](#), Chapter 2.

**coastal hazard** has the same meaning as in the [Coastal Management Act 2016](#).

**coastal lake** means a body of water identified in [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Resilience and Hazards\) 2021](#), Schedule 1.

**coastal protection works** has the same meaning as in the [Coastal Management Act 2016](#).

**coastal waters of the State**—see section 58 of the [Interpretation Act 1987](#).

**coastal zone** has the same meaning as in the [Coastal Management Act 2016](#).

**co-living housing** means a building or place that—

- (a) has at least 6 private rooms, some or all of which may have private kitchen and bathroom facilities, and
- (b) provides occupants with a principal place of residence for at least 3 months, and
- (c) has shared facilities, such as a communal living room, bathroom, kitchen or laundry, maintained by a managing agent, who provides management services 24 hours a day,

but does not include backpackers' accommodation, a boarding house, a group home, hotel or motel accommodation, seniors housing or a serviced apartment.

**Note—**

Co-living housing is a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**commercial farm** means a farm on which agriculture is undertaken that is—

- (a) on land categorised as farmland under the [Local Government Act 1993](#), section 515, or
- (b) a primary production business within the meaning of the [Income Tax Assessment Act 1997](#) of the

Commonwealth, or part of a primary production business, including a business that—

- (i) was a primary production business, and
- (ii) has temporarily ceased to be a primary production business because of a natural disaster, including a drought, flood or bush fire.

**commercial premises** means any of the following—

- (a) business premises,
- (b) office premises,
- (c) retail premises.

**community facility** means a building or place—

- (a) owned or controlled by a public authority or non-profit community organisation, and
- (b) used for the physical, social, cultural or intellectual development or welfare of the community,

but does not include an educational establishment, hospital, retail premises, place of public worship or residential accommodation.

**community land** has the same meaning as in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

**correctional centre** means—

- (a) any premises declared to be a correctional centre by a proclamation in force under section 225 of the [Crimes \(Administration of Sentences\) Act 1999](#), including any juvenile correctional centre or periodic detention centre, and
- (b) any premises declared to be a detention centre by an order in force under section 5 (1) of the [Children \(Detention Centres\) Act 1987](#),

but does not include any police station or court cell complex in which a person is held in custody in accordance with any Act.

**Council** means the Muswellbrook Shire Council.

**creative industry** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is to produce or demonstrate arts, crafts, design or other creative products, and includes artists' studios, recording studios, and set design and production facilities.

**Note—**

Creative industries are a type of **light industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**crematorium** means a building or place in which deceased persons or pets are cremated or processed by alkaline hydrolysis, whether or not the building or place contains an associated building for conducting memorial services.

**curtilage**, in relation to a heritage item or conservation area, means the area of land (including land covered by water) surrounding a heritage item, a heritage conservation area, or building, work or place within a heritage conservation area, that contributes to its heritage significance.

**dairy (pasture-based)** means a dairy that is conducted on a commercial basis where the only restriction facilities present are milking sheds and holding yards and where cattle generally feed by grazing on living grasses and other plants on the land and are constrained for no more than 10 hours in any 24 hour period (excluding during any period of drought or similar emergency relief).

**Note—**

Dairies (pasture-based) are a type of **extensive agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**dairy (restricted)** means a dairy that is conducted on a commercial basis where restriction facilities (in addition to milking sheds and holding yards) are present and where cattle have access to grazing for less than 10 hours in any 24 hour period (excluding during any period of drought or similar emergency relief). It may comprise the whole or part of a restriction facility.

**Note—**

Dairies (restricted) are a type of **intensive livestock agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**data centre** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is to collect, distribute, process or store electronic data using information technology.

**Note—**

Data centres are a type of **high technology industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**demolish**, in relation to a heritage item or an Aboriginal object, or a building, work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area, means wholly or partly destroy, dismantle or deface the heritage item, Aboriginal object or building, work, relic or tree.

**depot** means a building or place used for the storage (but not sale or hire) of plant, machinery or other goods (that support the operations of an existing undertaking) when not required for use, but does not include a farm building.

**designated State public infrastructure** means public facilities or services that are provided or financed by the State (or if provided or financed by the private sector, to the extent of any financial or in-kind contribution by the State) of the following kinds—

- (a) State and regional roads,
- (b) bus interchanges and bus lanes,
- (c) land required for regional open space,
- (d) land required for social infrastructure and facilities (such as land for schools, hospitals, emergency services and justice purposes).

**drainage** means any activity that intentionally alters the hydrological regime of any locality by facilitating the removal of surface or ground water. It may include the construction, deepening, extending, opening, installation or laying of any canal, drain or pipe, either on the land or in such a manner as to encourage drainage of adjoining land.

**dual occupancy** means a dual occupancy (attached) or a dual occupancy (detached).

**Note—**

Dual occupancies are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**dual occupancy (attached)** means 2 dwellings on one lot of land that are attached to each other, but does not include a secondary dwelling.

**Note—**

Dual occupancies (attached) are a type of **dual occupancy**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**dual occupancy (detached)** means 2 detached dwellings on one lot of land, but does not include a secondary dwelling.

**Note—**

Dual occupancies (detached) are a type of **dual occupancy**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**dwelling** means a room or suite of rooms occupied or used or so constructed or adapted as to be capable of being occupied or used as a separate domicile.

**dwelling house** means a building containing only one dwelling.

**Note—**

Dwelling houses are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**early education and care facility** means a building or place used for the education and care of children, and includes any of the following—

- (a) a centre-based child care facility,
- (b) home-based child care,
- (c) school-based child care.

**earthworks** means excavation or filling.

**ecologically sustainable development** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**eco-tourist facility** means a building or place that—

- (a) provides temporary or short-term accommodation to visitors on a commercial basis, and
- (b) is located in or adjacent to an area with special ecological or cultural features, and
- (c) is sensitively designed and located so as to minimise bulk, scale and overall physical footprint and any ecological or visual impact.

It may include facilities that are used to provide information or education to visitors and to exhibit or display items.

**Note—**

See clause 5.13 for requirements in relation to the granting of development consent for eco-tourist facilities.

Eco-tourist facilities are not a type of **tourist and visitor accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**educational establishment** means a building or place used for education (including teaching), being—

- (a) a school, or
- (b) a tertiary institution, including a university or a TAFE establishment, that provides formal



education and is constituted by or under an Act.

**electricity generating works** means a building or place used for the purpose of—

- (a) making or generating electricity, or
- (b) electricity storage.

**emergency services facility** means a building or place (including a helipad) used in connection with the provision of emergency services by an emergency services organisation.

**emergency services organisation** means any of the following—

- (a) Ambulance Service of New South Wales,
- (b) Fire and Rescue NSW,
- (c) NSW Rural Fire Service,
- (d) NSW Police Force,
- (e) State Emergency Service,
- (f) New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated,
- (g) New South Wales Mines Rescue Brigade established under the *Coal Industry Act 2001*,
- (h) an accredited rescue unit within the meaning of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*.

**entertainment facility** means a theatre, cinema, music hall, concert hall, dance hall and the like, but does not include a pub or registered club.

**environmental facility** means a building or place that provides for the recreational use or scientific study of natural systems, and includes walking tracks, seating, shelters, board walks, observation decks, bird hides or the like, and associated display structures.

**environmental protection works** means works associated with the rehabilitation of land towards its natural state or any work to protect land from environmental degradation, and includes bush regeneration works, wetland protection works, erosion protection works, dune restoration works and the like, but does not include coastal protection works.

**estuary** has the same meaning as in the *Water Management Act 2000*.

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**estuary** means—

- (a) any part of a river whose level is periodically or intermittently affected by coastal tides, or
- (b) any lake or other partially enclosed body of water that is periodically or intermittently open to the sea, or
- (c) anything declared by the regulations (under the *Water Management Act 2000*) to be an estuary,

but does not include anything declared by the regulations (under the *Water Management Act 2000*) not to be an estuary.

**excavation** means the removal of soil or rock, whether moved to another part of the same site or to another site, but does not include garden landscaping that does not significantly alter the shape, natural form or drainage of the land.

**exhibition home** means a dwelling built for the purposes of the public exhibition and marketing of new dwellings, whether or not it is intended to be sold as a private dwelling after its use for those purposes is completed, and includes any associated sales or home finance office or place used for displays.

**exhibition village** means 2 or more exhibition homes and associated buildings and places used for house and land sales, site offices, advisory services, car parking, food and drink sales and other associated purposes.

**extensive agriculture** means any of the following—

- (a) the production of crops or fodder (including irrigated pasture and fodder crops) for commercial purposes,
- (b) the grazing of livestock (other than pigs and poultry) for commercial purposes on living grasses and other plants on the land as their primary source of dietary requirements, and any supplementary or emergency feeding, or temporary agistment or housing for weaning, dipping, tagging or similar husbandry purposes, of the livestock,
- (c) bee keeping,
- (d) a dairy (pasture-based) where the animals generally feed by grazing on living grasses and other plants on the land as their primary source of dietary requirements, and any supplementary or emergency feeding, or temporary agistment or housing for weaning, dipping, tagging or similar husbandry purposes, of the animals.

**Note—**

Extensive agriculture is a type of **agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**extractive industry** means the winning or removal of extractive materials (otherwise than from a mine) by methods such as excavating, dredging, tunnelling or quarrying, including the storing, stockpiling or processing of extractive materials by methods such as recycling, washing, crushing, sawing or separating, but does not include turf farming.

**Note—**

Extractive industries are not a type of **industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**extractive material** means sand, soil, gravel, rock or similar substances that are not minerals within the meaning of the [Mining Act 1992](#).

**farm building** means a structure the use of which is ancillary to an agricultural use of the landholding on which it is situated and includes a hay shed, stock holding yard, machinery shed, shearing shed, silo, storage tank, outbuilding or the like, but does not include a dwelling.

**farm experience premises** means a building or place—

- (a) on a commercial farm, and

- (b) ancillary to the farm, and
- (c) used to provide visitors to the farm, on a commercial basis, with small-scale and low-impact tourist or recreational activities, including the following, but not including motor sports—
  - (i) horse riding,
  - (ii) farm tours,
  - (iii) functions or conferences,
  - (iv) farm field days.

**Note—**

Farm experience premises are a type of **agritourism**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**farm gate premises—**

- (a) means a building or place—
  - (i) on a commercial farm, and
  - (ii) ancillary to the farm, and
  - (iii) used to provide visitors to the farm, on a commercial basis, with agricultural products predominantly from the farm, supplemented by products from other farms in the region, or with services or activities related to the products, including the following—
    - (A) processing, packaging and sale of the products, but not the processing of animals,
    - (B) the preparation and serving, on a retail basis, of food and drink to people for consumption on the premises, whether or not liquor, take away meals and drinks or entertainment are also provided,
    - (C) tastings or workshops,
    - (D) the provision of information or education related to the products, and
- (b) includes cellar door premises.

**Note—**

Farm gate premises are a type of **agritourism**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**farm stay accommodation** means a building or place—

- (a) on a commercial farm, and
- (b) ancillary to the farm, and
- (c) used to provide temporary accommodation to paying guests of the farm, including in buildings or moveable dwellings.

**Note—**

Farm stay accommodation is a type of **tourist and visitor accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**feedlot** means a confined or restricted area that is operated on a commercial basis to rear and fatten cattle, sheep or other animals, but does not include a poultry farm, dairy or pig farm.

**Note—**

Feedlots are a type of **intensive livestock agriculture**. Intensive livestock agriculture does not include **extensive agriculture**. See the definitions of those terms in this Dictionary.

**fill** means the depositing of soil, rock or other similar extractive material obtained from the same or another site, but does not include—

- (a) the depositing of topsoil or feature rock imported to the site that is intended for use in garden landscaping, turf or garden bed establishment or top dressing of lawns and that does not significantly alter the shape, natural form or drainage of the land, or
- (b) the use of land as a waste disposal facility.

**filming** means recording images (whether on film or video tape or electronically or by other means) for exhibition or broadcast (such as by cinema, television or the internet or by other means), but does not include—

- (a) still photography, or
- (b) recording images of a wedding ceremony or other private celebration or event principally for the purpose of making a record for the participants in the ceremony, celebration or event, or
- (c) recording images as a visitor or tourist for non-commercial purposes, or
- (d) recording for the immediate purposes of a television program that provides information by way of current affairs or daily news.

**fish** has the same meaning as in the [Fisheries Management Act 1994](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**Definition of “fish”**

(1)

**Fish** means marine, estuarine or freshwater fish or other aquatic animal life at any stage of their life history (whether alive or dead).

(2)

**Fish** includes—

- (a) oysters and other aquatic molluscs, and
- (b) crustaceans, and
- (c) echinoderms, and
- (d) beachworms and other aquatic polychaetes.

(3)

**Fish** also includes any part of a fish.

(4)

However, **fish** does not include whales, mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians or other things excluded from the definition by the regulations under the [Fisheries Management Act 1994](#).

**flood mitigation work** means work designed and constructed for the express purpose of mitigating flood impacts. It involves changing the characteristics of flood behaviour to alter the level, location, volume, speed or timing of flood waters to mitigate flood impacts. Types of works may include excavation, construction or enlargement of any fill, wall, or levee that will alter riverine flood behaviour, local overland flooding, or tidal action so as to mitigate flood impacts.

**floor space ratio**—see clause 4.5.

**Floor Space Ratio Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Floor Space Ratio Map](#).

**food and drink premises** means premises that are used for the preparation and retail sale of food or drink (or both) for immediate consumption on or off the premises, and includes any of the following—

- (a) a restaurant or cafe,
- (b) take away food and drink premises,
- (c) a pub,
- (d) a small bar.

**Note—**

Food and drink premises are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**forestry** means forestry operations within the meaning of the [Forestry Act 2012](#) or Part 5B of the [Local Land Services Act 2013](#).

**freight transport facility** means a facility used principally for the bulk handling of goods for transport by road, rail, air or sea, including any facility for the loading and unloading of vehicles, aircraft, vessels or containers used to transport those goods and for the parking, holding, servicing or repair of those vehicles, aircraft or vessels or for the engines or carriages involved.

**function centre** means a building or place used for the holding of events, functions, conferences and the like, and includes convention centres, exhibition centres and reception centres, but does not include an entertainment facility.

**funeral home** means premises that are used to arrange, conduct and cater for funerals and memorial services, whether or not the premises include facilities for the short-term storage, dressing and viewing of bodies of deceased persons.

**Note—**

Funeral homes are a type of **business premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**garden centre** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the retail sale of plants and landscaping and gardening supplies and equipment. It may include a restaurant or cafe and the sale of

any of the following—

- (a) outdoor furniture and furnishings, barbecues, shading and awnings, pools, spas and associated supplies, and items associated with the construction and maintenance of outdoor areas,
- (b) pets and pet supplies,
- (c) fresh produce.

**Note—**

Garden centres are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**general industry** means a building or place (other than a heavy industry or light industry) that is used to carry out an industrial activity.

**Note—**

General industries are a type of **industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**goods repair and reuse premises** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is to collect, repair or refurbish goods, including furniture and appliances, for the purposes of sale, hire or swap, and includes premises known as op shops.

**Note—**

Goods repair and reuse premises are a type of **business premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**gross floor area** means the sum of the floor area of each floor of a building measured from the internal face of external walls, or from the internal face of walls separating the building from any other building, measured at a height of 1.4 metres above the floor, and includes—

- (a) the area of a mezzanine, and
- (b) habitable rooms in a basement or an attic, and
- (c) any shop, auditorium, cinema, and the like, in a basement or attic,

but excludes—

- (d) any area for common vertical circulation, such as lifts and stairs, and
- (e) any basement—
  - (i) storage, and
  - (ii) vehicular access, loading areas, garbage and services, and
- (f) plant rooms, lift towers and other areas used exclusively for mechanical services or ducting, and
- (g) car parking to meet any requirements of the consent authority (including access to that car parking), and
- (h) any space used for the loading or unloading of goods (including access to it), and
- (i) terraces and balconies with outer walls less than 1.4 metres high, and

(j) voids above a floor at the level of a storey or storey above.

**ground level (existing)** means the existing level of a site at any point.

**ground level (finished)** means, for any point on a site, the ground surface after completion of any earthworks (excluding any excavation for a basement, footings or the like) for which consent has been granted or that is exempt development.

**ground level (mean)** means, for any site on which a building is situated or proposed, one half of the sum of the highest and lowest levels at ground level (finished) of the outer surface of the external walls of the building.

**group home** means a permanent group home or a transitional group home.

**Note—**

Group homes are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**group home (permanent) or permanent group home** means a dwelling—

- (a) that is occupied by persons as a single household with or without paid supervision or care and whether or not those persons are related or payment for board and lodging is required, and
- (b) that is used to provide permanent household accommodation for people with a disability or people who are socially disadvantaged,

but does not include development to which [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Housing\) 2021](#), Chapter 3, Part 5 applies.

**Note—**

Permanent group homes are a type of **group home**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**group home (transitional) or transitional group home** means a dwelling—

- (a) that is occupied by persons as a single household with or without paid supervision or care and whether or not those persons are related or payment for board and lodging is required, and
- (b) that is used to provide temporary accommodation for the relief or rehabilitation of people with a disability or for drug or alcohol rehabilitation purposes, or that is used to provide half-way accommodation for persons formerly living in institutions or temporary accommodation comprising refuges for men, women or young people,

but does not include development to which [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Housing\) 2021](#), Chapter 3, Part 5 applies.

**Note—**

Transitional group homes are a type of **group home**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**hardware and building supplies** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the sale or hire of goods or materials, such as household fixtures, timber, tools, paint, wallpaper, plumbing supplies and the like, that are used in the construction and maintenance of buildings and adjacent outdoor areas.

**Note—**

Hardware and building supplies are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**hazardous industry** means a building or place used to carry out an industrial activity that would, when carried out and when all measures proposed to reduce or minimise its impact on the locality have been employed (including, for example, measures to isolate the activity from existing or likely future development on other land in the locality), pose a significant risk in the locality—

- (a) to human health, life or property, or
- (b) to the biophysical environment.

**Note—**

Hazardous industries are a type of **heavy industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**hazardous storage establishment** means a building or place that is used for the storage of goods, materials or products and that would, when in operation and when all measures proposed to reduce or minimise its impact on the locality have been employed (including, for example, measures to isolate the building or place from existing or likely future development on other land in the locality), pose a significant risk in the locality—

- (a) to human health, life or property, or
- (b) to the biophysical environment.

**Note—**

Hazardous storage establishments are a type of **heavy industrial storage establishment**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**headland** includes a promontory extending from the general line of the coastline into a large body of water, such as a sea, coastal lake or bay.

**health care professional** means any person registered under an Act for the purpose of providing health care.

**health consulting rooms** means premises comprising one or more rooms within (or within the curtilage of) a dwelling house used by not more than 3 health care professionals at any one time.

**Note—**

Health consulting rooms are a type of **health services facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**health services facility** means a building or place used to provide medical or other services relating to the maintenance or improvement of the health, or the restoration to health, of persons or the prevention of disease in or treatment of injury to persons, and includes any of the following—

- (a) a medical centre,
- (b) community health service facilities,
- (c) health consulting rooms,
- (d) patient transport facilities, including helipads and ambulance facilities,
- (e) hospital.

**heavy industrial storage establishment** means a building or place used for the storage of goods,



materials, plant or machinery for commercial purposes and that requires separation from other development because of the nature of the processes involved, or the goods, materials, plant or machinery stored, and includes any of the following—

- (a) a hazardous storage establishment,
- (b) a liquid fuel depot,
- (c) an offensive storage establishment.

**heavy industry** means a building or place used to carry out an industrial activity that requires separation from other development because of the nature of the processes involved, or the materials used, stored or produced, and includes—

- (a) hazardous industry, or
- (b) offensive industry.

It may also involve the use of a hazardous storage establishment or offensive storage establishment.

**Note—**

Heavy industries are a type of **industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**Height of Buildings Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Height of Buildings Map](#).

**helipad** means a place not open to the public used for the taking off and landing of helicopters.

**heliport** means a place open to the public that is used for the taking off and landing of helicopters, whether or not it includes—

- (a) a terminal building, or
- (b) facilities for the parking, storage or repair of helicopters.

**Note—**

Heliports are a type of **air transport facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**heritage conservation area** means an area of land of heritage significance—

- (a) shown on the [Heritage Map](#) as a heritage conservation area, and
- (b) the location and nature of which is described in Schedule 5,

and includes any heritage items situated on or within that area.

**heritage conservation management plan** means a document prepared in accordance with guidelines prepared by the Public Service agency responsible to the Minister administering the [Heritage Act 1977](#) that documents the heritage significance of an item, place or heritage conservation area and identifies conservation policies and management mechanisms that are appropriate to enable that significance to be retained.

**heritage impact statement** means a document consisting of—

- (a) a statement demonstrating the heritage significance of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, and
- (b) an assessment of the impact that proposed development will have on that significance, and
- (c) proposals for measures to minimise that impact.

**heritage item** means a building, work, place, relic, tree, object or archaeological site the location and nature of which is described in Schedule 5.

**Note—**

An inventory of heritage items is also available at the office of the Council.

**heritage management document** means—

- (a) a heritage conservation management plan, or
- (b) a heritage impact statement, or
- (c) any other document that provides guidelines for the ongoing management and conservation of a heritage item, Aboriginal object, Aboriginal place of heritage significance or heritage conservation area.

**Heritage Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Heritage Map](#).

**heritage significance** means historical, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic value.

**high technology industry** means a building or place predominantly used to carry out an industrial activity that involves any of the following—

- (a) electronic or micro-electronic systems, goods or components,
- (b) information technology (such as computer software or hardware),
- (c) instrumentation or instruments of a scientific, industrial, technological, medical or similar nature,
- (d) biological, pharmaceutical, medical or paramedical systems, goods or components,
- (e) film, television or multi-media technologies, including any post production systems, goods or components,
- (f) telecommunications systems, goods or components,
- (g) sustainable energy technologies,
- (h) any other goods, systems or components intended for use in a science or technology related field,

and includes a data centre, but does not include a building or place used to carry out an industrial activity that presents a hazard or potential hazard to the neighbourhood or that, because of the scale and nature of the processes involved, interferes with the amenity of the neighbourhood.

**Note—**

High technology industries are a type of **light industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**highway service centre** means a building or place used to provide refreshments and vehicle services to highway users. It may include any one or more of the following—

- (a) a restaurant or cafe,
- (b) take away food and drink premises,
- (c) service stations and facilities for emergency vehicle towing and repairs,
- (d) parking for vehicles,
- (e) rest areas and public amenities.

**home-based child care** means a family day care residence (within the meaning of the *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)*) at which the education and care service is provided at any one time to no more than 7 children (including any child of the person providing the service) all of whom are under the age of 13 years and no more than 4 of whom are children who do not ordinarily attend school.

**Note 1—**

A family day care residence is a residence at which a family day care educator educates and cares for children as part of a family day care service—see the *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)*.

**Note 2—**

Home-based child care is a type of **early education and care facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**home business** means a business, whether or not involving the sale of items online, carried on in a dwelling, or in a building ancillary to a dwelling, by 1 or more permanent residents of the dwelling and not involving the following—

- (a) the employment of more than 2 persons other than the residents,
- (b) interference with the amenity of the neighbourhood because of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil, traffic generation or otherwise,
- (c) the exposure to view, from adjacent premises or from a public place, of unsightly matter,
- (d) the exhibition of signage, other than a business identification sign,
- (e) the retail sale of, or the exposure or offer for retail sale of, items, whether goods or materials, not produced at the dwelling or building, other than by online retailing,

but does not include bed and breakfast accommodation, home occupation (sex services) or sex services premises.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the floor area used for a home business.

**home industry** means an industrial activity, whether or not involving the sale of items online, carried on in a dwelling, or in a building ancillary to a dwelling, by 1 or more permanent residents of the dwelling and not involving the following—

- (a) the employment of more than 2 persons other than the residents,
- (b) interference with the amenity of the neighbourhood because of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil, traffic generation or otherwise,
- (c) the exposure to view, from adjacent premises or from a public place, of unsightly matter,
- (d) the exhibition of signage, other than a business identification sign,
- (e) the retail sale of, or the exposure or offer for retail sale of, items, whether goods or materials, not produced at the dwelling or building, other than by online retailing,

but does not include bed and breakfast accommodation or sex services premises.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the floor area used for a home industry.

Home industries are a type of **light industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**home occupation** means an occupation that is carried on in a dwelling, or in a building ancillary to a dwelling, by one or more permanent residents of the dwelling and that does not involve—

- (a) the employment of persons other than those residents, or
- (b) interference with the amenity of the neighbourhood by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil, traffic generation or otherwise, or
- (c) the display of goods, whether in a window or otherwise, or
- (d) the exhibition of any signage (other than a business identification sign), or
- (e) the sale of items (whether goods or materials), or the exposure or offer for sale of items, by retail,

but does not include bed and breakfast accommodation, home occupation (sex services) or sex services premises.

**home occupation (sex services)** means the provision of sex services in a dwelling that is a brothel, or in a building that is a brothel and is ancillary to such a dwelling, by no more than 2 permanent residents of the dwelling and that does not involve—

- (a) the employment of persons other than those residents, or
- (b) interference with the amenity of the neighbourhood by reason of the emission of noise, traffic generation or otherwise, or
- (c) the exhibition of any signage, or
- (d) the sale of items (whether goods or materials), or the exposure or offer for sale of items, by retail,

but does not include a home business or sex services premises.

**horticulture** means the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, nuts, cut flowers and foliage and

nursery products for commercial purposes, but does not include a plant nursery, turf farming or viticulture.

**Note—**

Horticulture is a type of **intensive plant agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**hospital** means a building or place used for the purpose of providing professional health care services (such as preventative or convalescent care, diagnosis, medical or surgical treatment, psychiatric care or care for people with disabilities, or counselling services provided by health care professionals) to people admitted as in-patients (whether or not out-patients are also cared for or treated there), and includes ancillary facilities for (or that consist of) any of the following—

- (a) day surgery, day procedures or health consulting rooms,
- (b) accommodation for nurses or other health care workers,
- (c) accommodation for persons receiving health care or for their visitors,
- (d) shops, kiosks, restaurants or cafes or take away food and drink premises,
- (e) patient transport facilities, including helipads, ambulance facilities and car parking,
- (f) educational purposes or any other health-related use,
- (g) research purposes (whether or not carried out by hospital staff or health care workers or for commercial purposes),
- (h) chapels,
- (i) hospices,
- (j) mortuaries.

**Note—**

Hospitals are a type of **health services facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**hostel** means premises that are generally staffed by social workers or support providers and at which—

- (a) residential accommodation is provided in dormitories, or on a single or shared basis, or by a combination of them, and
- (b) cooking, dining, laundering, cleaning and other facilities are provided on a shared basis.

**Note—**

Hostels are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**hotel or motel accommodation** means a building or place (whether or not licensed premises under the [Liquor Act 2007](#)) that provides temporary or short-term accommodation on a commercial basis and that—

- (a) comprises rooms or self-contained suites, and

(b) may provide meals to guests or the general public and facilities for the parking of guests' vehicles, but does not include backpackers' accommodation, a boarding house, bed and breakfast accommodation or farm stay accommodation.

**Note—**

Hotel or motel accommodation is a type of **tourist and visitor accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**independent living unit** means a dwelling or part of a building, whether or not attached to another dwelling—

- (a) used to house seniors or people with a disability, and
- (b) containing private facilities for cooking, sleeping and bathing, and
- (c) where clothes washing facilities or other facilities for use in connection with the dwelling or part of a building may be provided on a shared basis,

but does not include a hostel.

**Note—**

Independent living units are a type of **seniors housing**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**industrial activity** means the manufacturing, production, assembling, altering, formulating, repairing, renovating, ornamenting, finishing, cleaning, washing, dismantling, transforming, processing, recycling, adapting or servicing of, or the research and development of, any goods, substances, food, products or articles for commercial purposes, and includes any storage or transportation associated with any such activity.

**industrial retail outlet** means a building or place that—

- (a) is used in conjunction with an industry (other than an artisan food and drink industry) or rural industry, and
- (b) is situated on the land on which the industry or rural industry is located, and
- (c) is used for the display or sale (whether by retail or wholesale) of only those goods that have been manufactured on the land on which the industry or rural industry is located,

but does not include a warehouse or distribution centre.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the retail floor area of an industrial retail outlet.

**industrial training facility** means a building or place used in connection with vocational training in an activity (such as forklift or truck driving, welding or carpentry) that is associated with an industry, rural industry, extractive industry or mining, but does not include an educational establishment, business premises or retail premises.

**industry** means any of the following—

- (a) general industry,

- (b) heavy industry,
  - (c) light industry,
- but does not include—
- (d) rural industry, or
  - (e) extractive industry, or
  - (f) mining.

**information and education facility** means a building or place used for providing information or education to visitors, and the exhibition or display of items, and includes an art gallery, museum, library, visitor information centre and the like.

**intensive livestock agriculture** means the keeping or breeding, for commercial purposes, of cattle, poultry, pigs, goats, horses, sheep or other livestock, and includes any of the following—

- (a) dairies (restricted),
- (b) feedlots,
- (c) pig farms,
- (d) poultry farms,

but does not include extensive agriculture, aquaculture or the operation of facilities for drought or similar emergency relief.

**Note—**

Intensive livestock agriculture is a type of **agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**intensive plant agriculture** means any of the following—

- (a) the cultivation of irrigated crops for commercial purposes (other than irrigated pasture or fodder crops),
- (b) horticulture,
- (c) turf farming,
- (d) viticulture.

**Note—**

Intensive plant agriculture is a type of **agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**jetty** means a horizontal decked walkway providing access from the shore to the waterway and is generally constructed on a piered or piled foundation.

**Key Sites Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Key Sites Map](#).

**kiosk** means premises that are used for the purposes of selling food, light refreshments and other small convenience items.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the gross floor area of a kiosk.

Kiosks are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**Land Application Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Land Application Map](#).

**Land Reclassification (Part Lots) Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Land Reclassification \(Part Lots\) Map](#).

**Land Reservation Acquisition Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Land Reservation Acquisition Map](#).

**Land Zoning Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Land Zoning Map](#).

**landholding** means an area of land—

- (a) constituted or worked as a single property, and
- (b) if comprising more than 1 lot—the lots are—
  - (i) contiguous, or
  - (ii) separated only by a road or watercourse.

**landscaped area** means a part of a site used for growing plants, grasses and trees, but does not include any building, structure or hard paved area.

**landscaping material supplies** means a building or place used for the storage and sale of landscaping supplies such as soil, gravel, potting mix, mulch, sand, railway sleepers, screenings, rock and the like.

**Note—**

Landscaping material supplies are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**light industry** means a building or place used to carry out an industrial activity that does not interfere with the amenity of the neighbourhood by reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil, or otherwise, and includes any of the following—

- (a) high technology industry,
- (b) home industry,
- (c) artisan food and drink industry,
- (d) creative industry.

**Note—**

Light industries are a type of **industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**liquid fuel depot** means premises used for the bulk storage of petrol, oil, petroleum or other



inflammable liquid for wholesale distribution and at which no retail trade is conducted.

**Note—**

Liquid fuel depots are a type of **heavy industrial storage establishment**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**livestock processing industry** means a building or place used for the commercial production of products derived from the slaughter of animals (including poultry) or the processing of skins or wool of animals and includes abattoirs, knackeries, tanneries, woolscours and rendering plants.

**Note—**

Livestock processing industries are a type of **rural industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**local distribution premises** means a building or place used for the storage or handling of items (whether goods or materials) pending their delivery to people and businesses in the local area, but from which no retail sales are made.

**Lot Size Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Lot Size Map](#).

**maintenance**, in relation to a heritage item, Aboriginal object or Aboriginal place of heritage significance, or a building, work, archaeological site, tree or place within a heritage conservation area, means ongoing protective care, but does not include the removal or disturbance of existing fabric, alterations (such as carrying out extensions or additions) or the introduction of new materials or technology.

**manufactured home** has the same meaning as in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

**marina** means a permanent boat storage facility (whether located wholly on land, wholly on a waterway or partly on land and partly on a waterway), and includes any of the following associated facilities—

- (a) any facility for the construction, repair, maintenance, storage, sale or hire of boats,
- (b) any facility for providing fuelling, sewage pump-out or other services for boats,
- (c) any facility for launching or landing boats, such as slipways or hoists,
- (d) any car parking or commercial, tourist or recreational or club facility that is ancillary to the boat storage facility,
- (e) any berthing or mooring facilities.

**market** means an open-air area, or an existing building, that is used for the purpose of selling, exposing or offering goods, merchandise or materials for sale by independent stall holders, and includes temporary structures and existing permanent structures used for that purpose on an intermittent or occasional basis.

**Note—**

Markets are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**mean high water mark** means the position where the plane of the mean high water level of all ordinary local high tides intersects the foreshore, being 1.44m above the zero of Fort Denison Tide Gauge and 0.515m Australian Height Datum.

**medical centre** means premises that are used for the purpose of providing health services (including preventative care, diagnosis, medical or surgical treatment, counselling or alternative therapies) to out-patients only, where such services are principally provided by health care professionals. It may include the ancillary provision of other health services.

**Note—**

Medical centres are a type of **health services facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**mezzanine** means an intermediate floor within a room.

**mine** means any place (including any excavation) where an operation is carried on for mining of any mineral by any method and any place on which any mining related work is carried out, but does not include a place used only for extractive industry.

**mine subsidence district** means a mine subsidence district proclaimed under section 15 of the [Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961](#).

**mining** means mining carried out under the [Mining Act 1992](#) or the recovery of minerals under the [Offshore Minerals Act 1999](#), and includes—

- (a) the construction, operation and decommissioning of associated works, and
- (b) the rehabilitation of land affected by mining.

**Note—**

Mining is not a type of **industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**mixed use development** means a building or place comprising 2 or more different land uses.

**mooring** means a detached or freestanding apparatus located on or in a waterway and that is capable of securing a vessel, but does not include a mooring pen.

**mooring pen** means an arrangement of freestanding piles or other restraining devices designed or used for the purpose of berthing a vessel.

**mortuary** means premises that are used, or intended to be used, for the receiving, preparation, embalming and storage of bodies of deceased persons pending their interment or cremation.

**moveable dwelling** has the same meaning as in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**moveable dwelling** means—

- (a) any tent, or any caravan or other van or other portable device (whether on wheels or not), used for human habitation, or
- (b) a manufactured home, or
- (c) any conveyance, structure or thing of a class or description prescribed by the regulations (under the [Local Government Act 1993](#)) for the purposes of this definition.

**multi dwelling housing** means 3 or more dwellings (whether attached or detached) on one lot of land, each with access at ground level, but does not include a residential flat building.

**Note—**

Multi dwelling housing is a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**native fauna** means any animal-life that is indigenous to New South Wales or is known to periodically or occasionally migrate to New South Wales, whether vertebrate (including fish) or invertebrate and in any stage of biological development, but does not include humans.

**native flora** means any plant-life that is indigenous to New South Wales, whether vascular or non-vascular and in any stage of biological development, and includes fungi and lichens, and marine vegetation within the meaning of Part 7A of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

**native vegetation** has the same meaning as in Part 5A of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*.

**navigable waterway** means any waterway that is from time to time capable of navigation and is open to or used by the public for navigation, but does not include flood waters that have temporarily flowed over the established bank of a watercourse.

**neighbourhood shop** means premises used for the purposes of selling general merchandise such as foodstuffs, personal care products, newspapers and the like to provide for the day-to-day needs of people who live or work in the local area, but does not include neighbourhood supermarkets or restricted premises.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the retail floor area of neighbourhood shops.

Neighbourhood shops are a type of **shop**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**neighbourhood supermarket** means premises the principal purpose of which is the sale of groceries and foodstuffs to provide for the needs of people who live or work in the local area.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the gross floor area of neighbourhood supermarkets.

Neighbourhood supermarkets are a type of **shop**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**nominated State heritage item** means a heritage item that—

- (a) has been identified as an item of State significance in a publicly exhibited heritage study adopted by the Council, and
- (b) the Council has, by notice in writing to the Heritage Council, nominated as an item of potential State significance.

**non-potable water** means water that does not meet the standards or values for drinking water recommended from time to time by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

**offensive industry** means a building or place used to carry out an industrial activity that would, when carried out and when all measures proposed to reduce or minimise its impact on the locality have been employed (including, for example, measures to isolate the activity from existing or likely future development on other land in the locality), emit a polluting discharge (including, for example, noise) in a manner that would have a significant adverse impact in the locality or on existing or likely future development on other land in the locality.

**Note—**

Offensive industries are a type of **heavy industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**offensive storage establishment** means a building or place that is used for the storage of goods, materials or products and that would, when all measures proposed to reduce or minimise its impact on the locality have been employed (including, for example, measures to isolate the building or place from existing or likely future development on other land in the locality), emit a polluting discharge (including, for example, noise) in a manner that would have a significant adverse impact in the locality or on existing or likely future development on other land in the locality.

**Note—**

Offensive storage establishments are a type of **heavy industrial storage establishment**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**office premises** means a building or place used for the purpose of administrative, clerical, technical, professional or similar activities that do not include dealing with members of the public at the building or place on a direct and regular basis, except where such dealing is a minor activity (by appointment) that is ancillary to the main purpose for which the building or place is used.

**Note—**

Office premises are a type of **commercial premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**open cut mining** means mining carried out on, and by excavating, the earth's surface, but does not include underground mining.

**operational land** has the same meaning as in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

**oyster aquaculture** means the cultivation of any species of edible oyster for a commercial purpose.

**Note—**

Oyster aquaculture is a type of **aquaculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**parking space** means a space dedicated for the parking of a motor vehicle, including any manoeuvring space and access to it, but does not include a car park.

**passenger transport facility** means a building or place used for the assembly or dispersal of passengers by any form of transport, including facilities required for parking, manoeuvring, storage or routine servicing of any vehicle that uses the building or place.

**people who are socially disadvantaged** means—

- (a) people who are disadvantaged because of their alcohol or drug dependence, extreme poverty, psychological disorder or other similar disadvantage, or
- (b) people who require protection because of domestic violence or upheaval.

**people with a disability** means people of any age who, as a result of having an intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, physical or similar impairment, or a combination of such impairments, either permanently or for an extended period, have substantially limited opportunities to enjoy full and active lives.

**pig farm** means land that is used to keep or breed pigs for animal production, whether an indoor, outdoor, free-range or other type of operation.

**Note—**

Pig farms are a type of **intensive livestock agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**place of public worship** means a building or place used for the purpose of religious worship by a congregation or religious group, whether or not the building or place is also used for counselling, social events, instruction or religious training.

**plant nursery** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the retail sale of plants that are grown or propagated on site or on an adjacent site. It may include the on-site sale of any such plants by wholesale and, if ancillary to the principal purpose for which the building or place is used, the sale of landscape and gardening supplies and equipment and the storage of these items.

**Note—**

Plant nurseries are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**pond-based aquaculture** means aquaculture undertaken predominantly in ponds, raceways or dams (including any part of the aquaculture undertaken in tanks such as during the hatchery or depuration phases), but not including natural water-based aquaculture.

**Note—**

Pond-based aquaculture is a type of **aquaculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary. Typical pond-based aquaculture is the pond culture of prawns, yabbies or silver perch.

**port facilities** means any of the following facilities at or in the vicinity of a designated port within the meaning of section 47 of the [Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995](#)—

- (a) facilities for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers onto or from any vessels, including public ferry wharves,
- (b) facilities for the loading or unloading of freight onto or from vessels and associated receipt, land transport and storage facilities,
- (c) wharves for commercial fishing operations,
- (d) refuelling, launching, berthing, mooring, storage or maintenance facilities for any vessel,
- (e) sea walls or training walls,
- (f) administration buildings, communication, security and power supply facilities, roads, rail lines, pipelines, fencing, lighting or car parks.

**potable water** means water that meets the standards or values for drinking water recommended from time to time by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

**poultry farm** means land that is used to keep or breed poultry for animal production, whether for meat or egg production (or both) and whether an indoor, outdoor, free-range or other type of operation.

**Note—**

Poultry farms are a type of **intensive livestock agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**primitive camping ground** means a camping ground approved under the [Local Government Act 1993](#), Chapter 7, Part 1 as a primitive camping ground.

**Note—**

Primitive camping ground is a type of **camping ground**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**private open space** means an area external to a building (including an area of land, terrace, balcony or deck) that is used for private outdoor purposes ancillary to the use of the building.

**property vegetation plan** mean a property vegetation plan approved under Part 4 of the *Native Vegetation Act 2003* before the repeal of that Act (as continued in force by the regulations under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*).

**pub** means licensed premises under the *Liquor Act 2007* the principal purpose of which is the retail sale of liquor for consumption on the premises, whether or not the premises include hotel or motel accommodation and whether or not food is sold or entertainment is provided on the premises.

**Note—**

Pubs are a type of **food and drink premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**public administration building** means a building used as offices or for administrative or other like purposes by the Crown, a statutory body, a council or an organisation established for public purposes, and includes a courthouse or a police station.

**public authority** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**public land** has the same meaning as in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**public reserve** has the same meaning as in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**public utility infrastructure**, in relation to an urban release area, includes infrastructure for any of the following—

- (a) the supply of water,
- (b) the supply of electricity,
- (c) the disposal and management of sewage.

**public utility undertaking** means any of the following undertakings carried on or permitted to be carried on by or by authority of any Public Service agency or under the authority of or in pursuance of any Commonwealth or State Act—

- (a) railway, road transport, water transport, air transport, wharf or river undertakings,
- (b) undertakings for the supply of water, hydraulic power, electricity or gas or the provision of sewerage or drainage services,

and a reference to a person carrying on a public utility undertaking includes a reference to a council, electricity supply authority, Public Service agency, corporation, firm or authority carrying on the undertaking.

**rainwater tank** means a tank designed for the storage of rainwater gathered on the land on which the tank is situated.

**recreation area** means a place used for outdoor recreation that is normally open to the public, and includes—

- (a) a children's playground, or
- (b) an area used for community sporting activities, or
- (c) a public park, reserve or garden or the like,

and any ancillary buildings, but does not include a recreation facility (indoor), recreation facility (major) or recreation facility (outdoor).

**recreation facility (indoor)** means a building or place used predominantly for indoor recreation, whether or not operated for the purposes of gain, including a squash court, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, table tennis centre, health studio, bowling alley, ice rink or any other building or place of a like character used for indoor recreation, but does not include an entertainment facility, a recreation facility (major) or a registered club.

**recreation facility (major)** means a building or place used for large-scale sporting or recreation activities that are attended by large numbers of people whether regularly or periodically, and includes theme parks, sports stadiums, showgrounds, racecourses and motor racing tracks.

**recreation facility (outdoor)** means a building or place (other than a recreation area) used predominantly for outdoor recreation, whether or not operated for the purposes of gain, including a golf course, golf driving range, mini-golf centre, tennis court, paint-ball centre, lawn bowling green, outdoor swimming pool, equestrian centre, skate board ramp, go-kart track, rifle range, water-ski centre or any other building or place of a like character used for outdoor recreation (including any ancillary buildings), but does not include an entertainment facility or a recreation facility (major).

**Reduced Level (RL)** means height above the Australian Height Datum, being the datum surface approximating mean sea level that was adopted by the National Mapping Council of Australia in May 1971.

**registered club** means a club that holds a club licence under the [Liquor Act 2007](#).

**registered community housing provider** has the same meaning as in the [Community Housing Providers \(Adoption of National Law\) Act 2012](#), section 13.

**relic** has the same meaning as in the [Heritage Act 1977](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**relic** means any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that—

- (a) relates to the settlement of the area that comprises New South Wales, not being Aboriginal settlement, and
- (b) is of State or local heritage significance.

**research station** means a building or place operated by a public authority for the principal purpose of agricultural, environmental, fisheries, forestry, minerals or soil conservation research, and includes any associated facility for education, training, administration or accommodation.

**residential accommodation** means a building or place used predominantly as a place of residence, and includes any of the following—

- (a) attached dwellings,
- (b) boarding houses,
- (baa) co-living housing,
- (c) dual occupancies,
- (d) dwelling houses,
- (e) group homes,
- (f) hostels,
- (faa) (Repealed)
- (g) multi dwelling housing,
- (h) residential flat buildings,
- (i) rural workers' dwellings,
- (j) secondary dwellings,
- (k) semi-detached dwellings,
- (l) seniors housing,
- (m) shop top housing,

but does not include tourist and visitor accommodation or caravan parks.

**residential care facility** means accommodation for seniors or people with a disability that includes—

- (a) meals and cleaning services, and
- (b) personal care or nursing care, or both, and
- (c) appropriate staffing, furniture, furnishings and equipment for the provision of that accommodation and care,

but does not include a dwelling, hostel, hospital or psychiatric facility.

**Note—**

Residential care facilities are a type of **seniors housing**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**residential flat building** means a building containing 3 or more dwellings, but does not include an attached dwelling, co-living housing or multi dwelling housing.

**Note—**

Residential flat buildings are a type of **residential accommodation**— see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**resource recovery facility** means a building or place used for the recovery of resources from waste, including works or activities such as separating and sorting, processing or treating the waste, composting, temporary storage, transfer or sale of recovered resources, energy generation from gases



and water treatment, but not including re-manufacture or disposal of the material by landfill or incineration.

**Note—**

Resource recovery facilities are a type of **waste or resource management facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**respite day care centre** means a building or place that is used for the care of seniors or people who have a disability and that does not provide overnight accommodation for people other than those related to the owner or operator of the centre.

**restaurant or cafe** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the preparation and serving, on a retail basis, of food and drink to people for consumption on the premises, whether or not liquor, take away meals and drinks or entertainment are also provided, but does not include the preparation and serving of food and drink to people that occurs as part of—

- (a) an artisan food and drink industry, or
- (b) farm gate premises.

**Note—**

Restaurants or cafes are a type of **food and drink premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**restricted premises** means premises that, due to their nature, restrict access to patrons or customers over 18 years of age, and includes sex shops and similar premises, but does not include a pub, hotel or motel accommodation, home occupation (sex services) or sex services premises.

**restriction facilities** means facilities where animals are constrained for management purposes, including milking sheds, pads, feed stalls, holding yards and paddocks where the number of livestock exceeds the ability of vegetation to recover from the effects of grazing in a normal growing season, but does not include facilities for drought or similar emergency relief.

**retail premises** means a building or place used for the purpose of selling items by retail, or hiring or displaying items for the purpose of selling them or hiring them out, whether the items are goods or materials (or whether also sold by wholesale), and includes any of the following;

- (a), (b) (Repealed)
- (c) food and drink premises,
- (d) garden centres,
- (e) hardware and building supplies,
- (f) kiosks,
- (g) landscaping material supplies,
- (h) markets,
- (i) plant nurseries,
- (j) roadside stalls,

- (k) rural supplies,
- (l) shops,
- (la) specialised retail premises,
- (m) timber yards,
- (n) vehicle sales or hire premises,

but does not include farm gate premises, highway service centres, service stations, industrial retail outlets or restricted premises.

**Note—**

Retail premises are a type of **commercial premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**road** means a public road or a private road within the meaning of the [Roads Act 1993](#), and includes a classified road.

**roadside stall** means a place or temporary structure used for the retail sale of agricultural produce or hand crafted goods (or both) produced from the property on which the stall is situated or from an adjacent property.

**Note—**

See clause 5.4 for controls relating to the gross floor area of roadside stalls.

Roadside stalls are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**rural industry** means the handling, treating, production, processing, storage or packing of animal or plant agricultural products for commercial purposes, and includes any of the following—

- (a) agricultural produce industries,
- (b) livestock processing industries,
- (c) composting facilities and works (including the production of mushroom substrate),
- (d) sawmill or log processing works,
- (e) stock and sale yards,
- (f) the regular servicing or repairing of plant or equipment used for the purposes of a rural enterprise.

**Note—**

Rural industries are not a type of **industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**rural supplies** means a building or place used for the display, sale or hire of stockfeeds, grains, seed, fertilizers, veterinary supplies and other goods or materials used in farming and primary industry production.

**Note—**

Rural supplies are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**rural worker's dwelling** means a building or place that is additional to a dwelling house on the same

lot and that is used predominantly as a place of residence by persons employed, whether on a long-term or short-term basis, for the purpose of agriculture or a rural industry on that land.

**Note—**

Rural workers' dwellings are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**sawmill or log processing works** means a building or place used for handling, cutting, chipping, pulping or otherwise processing logs, baulks, branches or stumps, principally derived from surrounding districts, into timber or other products derived from wood.

**Note—**

Sawmill or log processing works are a type of **rural industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**school** means a government school or non-government school within the meaning of the [Education Act 1990](#).

**Note—**

Schools are a type of **educational establishment**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**school-based child care** means a building or place within a school that is used to provide out-of-school-hours care (including vacation care) for school children only.

**Note 1—**

Accordingly, a building or place within a school that is used to provide out-of-school-hours care for both school children and pre-school children is not school-based child care.

**Note 2—**

School-based child care is a type of **early education and care facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**secondary dwelling** means a self-contained dwelling that—

- (a) is established in conjunction with another dwelling (the **principal dwelling**), and
- (b) is on the same lot of land as the principal dwelling, and
- (c) is located within, or is attached to, or is separate from, the principal dwelling.

**Note—**

See clauses 5.4 and 5.5 for controls relating to the total floor area of secondary dwellings.

Secondary dwellings are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**self-storage units** means premises that consist of individual enclosed compartments for storing goods or materials (other than hazardous or offensive goods or materials).

**Note—**

Self-storage units are a type of **storage premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**semi-detached dwelling** means a dwelling that is on its own lot of land and is attached to only one other dwelling.

**Note—**

Semi-detached dwellings are a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**seniors housing** means a building or place that is—

- (a) a residential care facility, or
- (b) a hostel within the meaning of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, Chapter 3, Part 5, or
- (c) a group of independent living units, or
- (d) a combination of any of the buildings or places referred to in paragraphs (a)–(c),  
and that is, or is intended to be, used permanently for—
- (e) seniors or people who have a disability, or
- (f) people who live in the same household with seniors or people who have a disability, or
- (g) staff employed to assist in the administration of the building or place or in the provision of services to persons living in the building or place,

but does not include a hospital.

**Note—**

Seniors housing is a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**service station** means a building or place used for the sale by retail of fuels and lubricants for motor vehicles, whether or not the building or place is also used for any one or more of the following—

- (a) the ancillary sale by retail of spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles,
- (b) the cleaning of motor vehicles,
- (c) installation of accessories,
- (d) inspecting, repairing and servicing of motor vehicles (other than body building, panel beating, spray painting, or chassis restoration),
- (e) the ancillary retail selling or hiring of general merchandise or services or both.

**serviced apartment** means a building (or part of a building) providing self-contained accommodation to tourists or visitors on a commercial basis and that is regularly serviced or cleaned by the owner or manager of the building or part of the building or the owner's or manager's agents.

**Note—**

Serviced apartments are a type of **tourist and visitor accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**sewage reticulation system** means a building or place used for the collection and transfer of sewage to a sewage treatment plant or water recycling facility for treatment, or transfer of the treated waste for use or disposal, including associated—

- (a) pipelines and tunnels, and
- (b) pumping stations, and
- (c) dosing facilities, and
- (d) odour control works, and

- (e) sewage overflow structures, and
- (f) vent stacks.

**Note—**

Sewage reticulation systems are a type of **sewerage system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**sewage treatment plant** means a building or place used for the treatment and disposal of sewage, whether or not the facility supplies recycled water for use as an alternative water supply.

**Note—**

Sewage treatment plants are a type of **sewerage system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**sewerage system** means any of the following—

- (a) biosolids treatment facility,
- (b) sewage reticulation system,
- (c) sewage treatment plant,
- (d) water recycling facility,
- (e) a building or place that is a combination of any of the things referred to in paragraphs (a)–(d).

**sex services** means sexual acts or sexual services in exchange for payment.

**sex services premises** means a brothel, but does not include home occupation (sex services).

**shop** means premises that sell merchandise such as groceries, personal care products, clothing, music, homewares, stationery, electrical goods or the like or that hire any such merchandise, and includes a neighbourhood shop and neighbourhood supermarket, but does not include food and drink premises or restricted premises.

**Note—**

Shops are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**shop top housing** means one or more dwellings located above the ground floor of a building, where at least the ground floor is used for commercial premises or health services facilities.

**Note—**

Shop top housing is a type of **residential accommodation**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**signage** means any sign, notice, device, representation or advertisement that advertises or promotes any goods, services or events and any structure or vessel that is principally designed for, or that is used for, the display of signage, and includes any of the following—

- (a) an advertising structure,
- (b) a building identification sign,
- (c) a business identification sign,

but does not include a traffic sign or traffic control facilities.

**site area** means the area of any land on which development is or is to be carried out. The land may include the whole or part of one lot, or more than one lot if they are contiguous to each other, but does not include the area of any land on which development is not permitted to be carried out under this Plan.

**Note—**

The effect of this definition is varied by clause 4.5 for the purpose of the determination of permitted floor space area for proposed development.

**site coverage** means the proportion of a site area covered by buildings. However, the following are not included for the purpose of calculating site coverage—

- (a) any basement,
- (b) any part of an awning that is outside the outer walls of a building and that adjoins the street frontage or other site boundary,
- (c) any eaves,
- (d) unenclosed balconies, decks, pergolas and the like.

**small bar** means a small bar within the meaning of the [Liquor Act 2007](#).

**Note—**

Small bars are a type of **food and drink premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**spa pool** has the same meaning as in the [Swimming Pools Act 1992](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined to include any excavation, structure or vessel in the nature of a spa pool, flotation tank, tub or the like.

**specialised retail premises** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the sale, hire or display of goods that are of a size, weight or quantity, that requires—

- (a) a large area for handling, display or storage, or
- (b) direct vehicular access to the site of the building or place by members of the public for the purpose of loading or unloading such goods into or from their vehicles after purchase or hire,

but does not include a building or place used for the sale of foodstuffs or clothing unless their sale is ancillary to the sale, hire or display of other goods referred to in this definition.

**Note—**

Examples of goods that may be sold at specialised retail premises include automotive parts and accessories, household appliances and fittings, furniture, homewares, office equipment, outdoor and recreation equipment, pet supplies and party supplies.

Specialised retail premises are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**stock and sale yard** means a building or place that is used on a commercial basis for the purpose of offering livestock or poultry for sale and that may be used for the short-term storage and watering of stock.

**Note—**

Stock and sale yards are a type of **rural industry**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**storage premises** means a building or place used for the storage of goods, materials, plant or machinery for commercial purposes and where the storage is not ancillary to any industry, business premises or retail premises on the same parcel of land, and includes self-storage units, but does not include a heavy industrial storage establishment, local distribution premises or a warehouse or distribution centre.

**storey** means a space within a building that is situated between one floor level and the floor level next above, or if there is no floor above, the ceiling or roof above, but does not include—

- (a) a space that contains only a lift shaft, stairway or meter room, or
- (b) a mezzanine, or
- (c) an attic.

**swimming pool** has the same meaning as in the [Swimming Pools Act 1992](#).

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**swimming pool** means an excavation, structure or vessel—

- (a) that is capable of being filled with water to a depth of 300 millimetres or more, and
- (b) that is solely or principally used, or that is designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used, for the purpose of swimming, wading, paddling or any other human aquatic activity,

and includes a spa pool, but does not include a spa bath, anything that is situated within a bathroom or anything declared by the regulations made under the [Swimming Pools Act 1992](#) not to be a swimming pool for the purposes of that Act.

**take away food and drink premises** means premises that are predominantly used for the preparation and retail sale of food or drink (or both) for immediate consumption away from the premises.

**Note—**

Take away food and drink premises are a type of **food and drink premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**tank-based aquaculture** means aquaculture undertaken exclusively in tanks, but not including natural water-based aquaculture.

**Note—**

Tank-based aquaculture is a type of **aquaculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary. Typical tank-based aquaculture is the tank culture of barramundi or abalone.

**telecommunications facility** means—

- (a) any part of the infrastructure of a telecommunications network, or
- (b) any line, cable, optical fibre, fibre access node, interconnect point equipment, apparatus, tower, mast, antenna, dish, tunnel, duct, hole, pit, pole or other structure in connection with a telecommunications network, or
- (c) any other thing used in or in connection with a telecommunications network.

**telecommunications network** means a system, or series of systems, that carries, or is capable of carrying, communications by means of guided or unguided electromagnetic energy, or both.

**temporary structure** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Note—**

The term is defined as follows—

**temporary structure** includes a booth, tent or other temporary enclosure (whether or not part of the booth, tent or enclosure is permanent), and also includes a mobile structure.

**Terrestrial Biodiversity Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Terrestrial Biodiversity Map](#).

**the Act** means the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

**timber yard** means a building or place the principal purpose of which is the sale of sawn, dressed or treated timber, wood fibre boards or similar timber products. It may include the cutting of such timber, boards or products to order and the sale of hardware, paint, tools and materials used in conjunction with the use and treatment of timber.

**Note—**

Timber yards are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**tourist and visitor accommodation** means a building or place that provides temporary or short-term accommodation on a commercial basis, and includes any of the following—

- (a) backpackers' accommodation,
  - (b) bed and breakfast accommodation,
  - (c) farm stay accommodation,
  - (d) hotel or motel accommodation,
  - (e) serviced apartments,
- but does not include—
- (f) camping grounds, or
  - (g) caravan parks, or
  - (h) eco-tourist facilities.

**transport depot** means a building or place used for the parking or servicing of motor powered or motor drawn vehicles used in connection with a business, industry, shop or passenger or freight transport undertaking.

**truck depot** means a building or place used for the servicing and parking of trucks, earthmoving machinery and the like.

**turf farming** means the commercial cultivation of turf for sale and the removal of turf for that purpose.

**Note—**

Turf farming is a type of **intensive plant agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.



**underground mining** means—

- (a) mining carried out beneath the earth's surface, including bord and pillar mining, longwall mining, top-level caving, sub-level caving and auger mining, and
- (b) shafts, drill holes, gas and water drainage works, surface rehabilitation works and access pits associated with that mining (whether carried out on or beneath the earth's surface),

but does not include open cut mining.

**urban release area** means the area of land as shown hatched and lettered "Urban Release Area" on the [Urban Release Area Map](#).

**Urban Release Area Map** means the [Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009 Urban Release Area Map](#).

**vehicle body repair workshop** means a building or place used for the repair of vehicles or agricultural machinery, involving body building, panel building, panel beating, spray painting or chassis restoration.

**vehicle repair station** means a building or place used for the purpose of carrying out repairs to, or the selling and fitting of accessories to, vehicles or agricultural machinery, but does not include a vehicle body repair workshop or vehicle sales or hire premises.

**vehicle sales or hire premises** means a building or place used for the display, sale or hire of motor vehicles, caravans, boats, trailers, agricultural machinery and the like, whether or not accessories are sold or displayed there.

**Note—**

Vehicle sales or hire premises are a type of **retail premises**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**veterinary hospital** means a building or place used for diagnosing or surgically or medically treating animals, whether or not animals are kept on the premises for the purpose of treatment.

**viticulture** means the cultivation of grapes for use in the commercial production of fresh or dried fruit or wine.

**Note—**

Viticulture is a type of **intensive plant agriculture**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**warehouse or distribution centre** means a building or place used mainly or exclusively for storing or handling items (whether goods or materials) pending their sale, but from which no retail sales are made, but does not include local distribution premises.

**waste disposal facility** means a building or place used for the disposal of waste by landfill, incineration or other means, including such works or activities as recycling, resource recovery and other resource management activities, energy generation from gases, leachate management, odour control and the winning of extractive material to generate a void for disposal of waste or to cover waste after its disposal.

**Note—**

Waste disposal facilities are a type of **waste or resource management facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**waste or resource management facility** means any of the following—

- (a) a resource recovery facility,
- (b) a waste disposal facility,
- (c) a waste or resource transfer station,
- (d) a building or place that is a combination of any of the things referred to in paragraphs (a)–(c).

**waste or resource transfer station** means a building or place used for the collection and transfer of waste material or resources, including the receipt, sorting, compacting, temporary storage and distribution of waste or resources and the loading or unloading of waste or resources onto or from road or rail transport.

**Note—**

Waste or resource transfer stations are a type of **waste or resource management facility**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**water recreation structure** means a structure used primarily for recreational purposes that has a direct structural connection between the shore and the waterway, and may include a pier, wharf, jetty or boat launching ramp.

**water recycling facility** means a building or place used for the treatment of sewage effluent, stormwater or waste water for use as an alternative supply to mains water, groundwater or river water (including, in particular, sewer mining works), whether the facility stands alone or is associated with other development, and includes associated—

- (a) retention structures, and
- (b) treatment works, and
- (c) irrigation schemes.

**Note—**

Water recycling facilities are a type of **sewerage system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**water reticulation system** means a building or place used for the transport of water, including pipes, tunnels, canals, pumping stations, related electricity infrastructure and dosing facilities.

**Note—**

Water reticulation systems are a type of **water supply system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**water storage facility** means a dam, weir or reservoir for the collection and storage of water, and includes associated monitoring or gauging equipment.

**Note—**

Water storage facilities are a type of **water supply system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**water supply system** means any of the following—

- (a) a water reticulation system,
- (b) a water storage facility,

(c) a water treatment facility,

(d) a building or place that is a combination of any of the things referred to in paragraphs (a)–(c).

**water treatment facility** means a building or place used for the treatment of water (such as a desalination plant or a recycled or reclaimed water plant) whether the water produced is potable or not, and includes residuals treatment, storage and disposal facilities, but does not include a water recycling facility.

**Note—**

Water treatment facilities are a type of **water supply system**—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

**waterbody** means a waterbody (artificial) or waterbody (natural).

**waterbody (artificial)** or **artificial waterbody** means an artificial body of water, including any constructed waterway, canal, inlet, bay, channel, dam, pond, lake or artificial wetland, but does not include a dry detention basin or other stormwater management construction that is only intended to hold water intermittently.

**waterbody (natural)** or **natural waterbody** means a natural body of water, whether perennial or intermittent, fresh, brackish or saline, the course of which may have been artificially modified or diverted onto a new course, and includes a river, creek, stream, lake, lagoon, natural wetland, estuary, bay, inlet or tidal waters (including the sea).

**watercourse** means any river, creek, stream or chain of ponds, whether artificially modified or not, in which water usually flows, either continuously or intermittently, in a defined bed or channel, but does not include a waterbody (artificial).

**waterway** means the whole or any part of a watercourse, wetland, waterbody (artificial) or waterbody (natural).

**wetland** means—

- (a) natural wetland, including marshes, mangroves, backwaters, billabongs, swamps, sedgeland, wet meadows or wet heathlands that form a shallow waterbody (up to 2 metres in depth) when inundated cyclically, intermittently or permanently with fresh, brackish or salt water, and where the inundation determines the type and productivity of the soils and the plant and animal communities, or
- (b) artificial wetland, including marshes, swamps, wet meadows, sedgeland or wet heathlands that form a shallow waterbody (up to 2 metres in depth) when inundated cyclically, intermittently or permanently with water, and are constructed and vegetated with wetland plant communities.

**wharf or boating facilities** means a wharf or any of the following facilities associated with a wharf or boating that are not port facilities—

- (a) facilities for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers onto or from any vessels, including public ferry wharves,
- (b) facilities for the loading or unloading of freight onto or from vessels and associated receipt, land transport and storage facilities,

- (c) wharves for commercial fishing operations,
- (d) refuelling, launching, berthing, mooring, storage or maintenance facilities for any vessel,
- (e) sea walls or training walls,
- (f) administration buildings, communication, security and power supply facilities, roads, rail lines, pipelines, fencing, lighting or car parks.

**wholesale supplies** means a building or place used for the display, sale or hire of goods or materials by wholesale only to businesses that have an Australian Business Number registered under the [A New Tax System \(Australian Business Number\) Act 1999](#) of the Commonwealth.