



# Diamantina Shire Council

## Zones and precincts

FACT SHEET

### What are zones and precincts?

Zones designate land for a type of use such as township or rural. Precincts may be identified for part of a zone. A precinct provides further details for a specific area within a zone.

Zones and precincts organise the land within the local government area in a way that facilitates the location of preferred or acceptable land uses.

### What are the zones and precincts in the proposed Diamantina Shire Planning Scheme?

The proposed planning scheme includes three zones and defines the purpose of each zone:

- **Township zone:** Its purpose is to provide for:
  - (1) small to medium urban areas in a rural or coastal area; and
  - (2) a variety of uses and activities to service local residents, including, business, community, education, industrial, open space, recreation, residential or retail uses or activities; and
  - (3) tourist attractions and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area.
- **Rural zone:** Its purpose is to provide for:
  - (1) provide for rural uses and activities; and
  - (2) provide for other uses and activities that are compatible with—
    - (a) existing and future rural uses and activities; and
    - (b) the character and environmental features of the zone; and
  - (3) maintain the capacity of land for rural uses and activities by protecting and managing significant natural resources and processes.
- **Recreation and Open Space zone:** Its purpose is to provide for:
  - (1) a variety of cultural, educational, leisure, recreation and sporting uses and activities, including, for example—
    - (a) parks, playgrounds or playing fields for the use of residents and visitors; and
    - (b) parks, or other areas, for the conservation of natural areas; and
  - (2) facilities and infrastructure to support the uses and activities stated in paragraph (a).

There is one precinct identified within the Township zone:

- **Industrial precinct**

There are some additional assessment benchmarks which apply in the precinct to facilitate desired and compatible development outcomes for this area.

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## How can I find out the zone of my land?

You can to use council's new [interactive online mapping system](#) to find out the zoning.

You can also check the [static planning maps](#) contained in Schedule 2 of the proposed planning scheme. It is available in hardcopy for inspection at the council office or on [council's website](#).