

PART 2 - SHIRE WIDE OUTCOMES

Division 1 – Ecological Sustainability

2.1 Achieving the Desired Environmental Outcomes

- (1) The desired environmental outcomes are based on the elements of ecological sustainability defined in the IPA.
- (2) Ecological sustainability for the Shire will be advanced if each desired environmental outcome is realized to the extent practicable having regard to all other desired environmental outcomes.
- (3) The desired environmental outcomes are the basis for the measures outlined in Part 3, 4 and 5 of the planning scheme.

2.2 Desired Environmental Outcomes

- (1) The desired environmental outcomes for Wondai Shire are that the nature, location, design and operation of development:
 - (a) ***protects*** the environmental values of the Shire's natural features, significant native vegetation, land resources, geological attributes, natural resources and non-renewable resources from any adverse affects from disturbance, pollution or degradation.
 - (b) ***minimises*** adverse affects upon the quality and quantum of surface and ground waters suitable for servicing needs in the region.
 - (c) ***minimises*** risks to the safety and wellbeing of people, property and the natural environment (as resulting from impacts from natural, technological and development related hazards) to an acceptable level.
 - (d) ***protects*** the economic values of extractive and mineral resources, good quality agricultural land, water and land resources and timber resources, so facilitating their availability for sustainable use to satisfy the needs for these resources in the region.
 - (e) ***provides*** a benefit to, and fulfils an economic demand from, the community and makes good any detriment to the residents of the area in which it is located as a result of:
 - (i) existing or planned services, or
 - (ii) people being put in jeopardy by the development due to physical or financial causes.
 - (f) ***minimises*** conflicts between activities, traffic and infrastructure elements, and maintains the existing and planned character and amenity of the area in which development is located.
 - (g) ***ensures*** that demand on community and emergency services are met to a level which is commensurate with standards for environmental health and public wellbeing.
 - (h) ***occurs*** where services and facilities required in respect of the development are existing, planned or provided by the developer, ensuring efficient, cost effective, orderly, equitable and environmentally sound use or provision of physical infrastructure, so

acceptable standards for environmental health and public wellbeing are maintained.

- (i) **contributes** positively towards the efficient, orderly and integrated use and expansion of the Shire's movement systems, for safe, non-discriminatory and convenient access and movement within and around the Shire.
- (j) **contributes** positively towards maintaining a strong, productive economy built on:
 - (i) protecting the competitive advantages of the primary industry sectors,
 - (ii) diversifying primary and secondary industry sectors,
 - (iii) supporting the infrastructure sectors and information technology;
 - (iv) diversifying tourism products on the basis of sustainable use of the natural, historic, indigenous, water and rural based attributes supported by a range of services and facilities appropriate to the natural and rural setting, and which meet the needs of visitors to the region, and
 - (v) protecting the local employment and skills development sectors.
- (k) **protects and consolidates** the commercial and community services provided through business and commercial centres identified in the planning scheme so that the centres:
 - (i) support the rural, resource and tourism sectors, and
 - (ii) satisfy the community's needs for goods, services and facilities reasonably expected to cater to rural, rural residential and urban localities.
- (l) **protects** the built and street environments.
- (m) **protects** the indigenous and non-indigenous cultural heritage values of the places, features and landscapes that reflect the community's history and identify.
- (n) **provides** reasonable access to appropriate and affordable housing to meet the differing needs of residents within the Shire.
- (o) **facilitates** equity of access to a range of community, recreational and open space facilities and services which effectively maintain social standards.
- (p) **protects** the scenic values of the diverse rural and natural landscapes in the Shire, particularly relative to these seen from major transport corridors and vantage points.