

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 by the Act and are the basis for the measures of the planning scheme.
- (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.

2.2 Desired Environmental Outcomes

- (1) The desired environmental outcomes for Livingstone Shire are:
 - (a) Development does not adversely affect the values of the Shire's natural environment including coastal areas, wetlands, beaches, headlands, waterways, Protected Areas, undeveloped hillslopes, and areas of significant native vegetation, from any adverse effects accruing from clearing, soil degradation and pollution due to erosion and contamination, acidification, salinity, waste disposal and any modifications to natural processes.
 - (b) Development does not adversely affect the quality and quantum of water available for a range of consumptive uses throughout the Shire.
 - (c) Risks to safety, property and the environment are not increased by the interaction of development and natural or other hazards, including flooding, bushfires, disturbance of acid sulfate soils, storm tide, cyclonic weather events and landslide.
 - (d) Development protects the economic values of natural resources including good quality agricultural land, extractive and mineral resources, vegetation and water.
 - (e) Development provides a benefit to and satisfies an economic demand of residents of the area in which it is located.
 - (f) Opportunities for maintaining and improving employment resulting from advancements in information technology and emerging business/industry trends are maximised.
 - (g) The Shire's tourism industry is strengthened and expanded based on the sustainable use of natural, cultural and man-made assets and the orderly provision of services and facilities.
 - (h) Yeppoon continues to function as the main business centre and administrative hub for the Shire.
 - (i) Development promotes the efficient use and provides for the orderly expansion of the Shire's movement system, including motorised and non-motorised modes.
 - (j) Development occurs in an area:
 - (i) which is intended for the development as identified by the outcomes for zoned land; and
 - (ii) in which services and facilities required in respect of the development are existing, planned or provided by the development.

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- (k) Development does not adversely affect:
 - (i) the community's health and safety; or
 - (ii) the amenity enjoyed by people in different areas of the Shire.
 - (l) Development reflects the community's reasonable expectations and harmonises with the natural environment and does not prejudice the Shire's existing scenic amenity, particularly along the Capricorn Coast.
 - (m) The community values of places and landscapes reflecting the community's history and identity are not detrimentally affected by development.