

### C4.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE ZONE

The environment of the Road Zone varies throughout the district depending upon the environment of adjacent land.

This Zone comprises all of the land contained within the road reserve and is therefore the network of land commonly referred to as the roading network. This land is characterised by a sealed carriage way with a kerb and channel, footpath on either side of the carriage way in most cases, and regular plantings of street trees. Utility service structures (transformers, etc.) and signage for road safety and public information purposes are also part of the Road Zone environment.

### C4.2 ACTIVITY STATUS IN THE ROAD ZONE

#### C4.2.1 Permitted Activities

In the Road Zone any activities which meet all the standards in C4.3 are permitted activities.

#### C4.2.2 Restricted Discretionary Activities

In the Road Zone any activities which cannot meet any standard shall be assessed as restricted discretionary activities only in relation to the standard which cannot be met. Furthermore Council shall restrict its discretion to those matters set out in C4.4.

### C4.3 RULES OF THE ROAD ZONE

#### C4.3.1 Signs

Official signs only may be placed within the Road Zone.

#### C4.3.2 Parking of Heavy Vehicles

No heavy vehicle may park or be left standing on any part of the Road Zone for more than 30 minutes unless the heavy vehicle is within a designated parking area, is being used for the delivery or removal of

goods including passengers other than the driver or is being used for the construction or maintenance of services, structures and vegetation within the Road Zone.

#### **C4.3.3 Undergrounding of Services**

All new or upgraded electricity distribution lines, telecommunication lines (including cable television), gas, water, sewer or storm water pipes shall be placed underground where practicable within the Road Zone. Except that new overhead lines and overhead customer connections from existing overhead networks are permitted in the road zone where bounded wholly by the Rural Lifestyle zone or where underground trenching is not a practical option.

#### **C4.3.4 Ancillary Structures**

Any above ground substation, transformer, valve switching device or other control equipment shall not exceed:

- a) 30 square metres when located adjacent to the Industrial Zone.
- b) 20 square metres when located adjacent to any other Zone.
- c) Such ancillary structures shall be either screened from public view by using plantings or vegetation or shall be painted in colours that are sympathetic to the natural surroundings of the structure.

#### **C4.3.5 Natural, Cultural and Heritage Features**

The rules set out in Section C8: Natural, Cultural and Heritage Features Rules shall apply.

### **C4.4 RESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES**

Applications for restricted discretionary activities shall take into account the relevant objectives and policies contained in Section C10: Traffic Management.

Matters to which council will restrict its discretion:

#### **C4.4.1 Signs**

In assessing an application for any sign other than an official sign the Council will restrict the exercise of its discretion to the following matters:

- The size, design, construction, location and illumination of the sign.
- The nature of the information displayed on the sign.
- The effects on amenity and landscape.

#### **C4.4.2 Parking of Heavy Vehicles**

When assessing an application to park or leave standing a heavy vehicle for longer than 30 minutes, the Council will restrict the exercise of its discretion to the following matters:

- The proximity of dwelling houses and other activities to the proposed activity
- The hours per day, and total duration of the proposed activity
- The degree of approval obtained from any affected persons
- Any effects on traffic or pedestrian safety and convenience
- Any damage or potential damage to anything on, under or above land within the Road Zone.

#### **C4.4.3 Utility Services**

Refer to Section C9: Utilities

#### **C4.4.4 Ancillary Structures**

When assessing an application to exceed the maximum area required for ancillary structures the Council will restrict the exercise of its discretion to the following matters:

- The existing character and amenity of the streetscape
- The location and density of landscaping
- The bulk of the ancillary structure in relation to the bulk of buildings in the immediate vicinity
- The distance between the proposed structure and any other buildings
- The potential for the structure to overshadow or overlook other buildings
- The effect of the structure on traffic safety.