BUILDINGS AND WORKS IN A RURAL ZONE

Information requirements

An application must be accompanied by the following information as appropriate:

- A copy of title for the subject land and a copy of any registered restrictive covenant.
- A description of the use of the land and the proposed buildings and works.
- A layout plan, drawn to scale and fully dimensioned showing:
  - The boundaries and dimensions of the site.
  - Adjoining roads.
  - The location of any waterway or wetlands.
  - The location and use of buildings and works on adjoining land.
  - Relevant ground levels.
  - The layout of existing and proposed buildings and works.
  - All existing and proposed driveways, car parking and loading areas.
  - Existing and proposed landscape areas.
  - All external storage and waste treatment areas.
- Elevation drawings to scale showing the height, colour and materials of all proposed buildings and works.
- A photograph of the building or area affected by the proposal.

Decision guidelines

In assessing an application the responsible authority must consider as appropriate:

- The impact of the siting, design, height, bulk, colours and materials to be used, on the natural environment, character and appearance of the area, landscape features, major roads, vistas and water features and the measures to be undertaken to minimise any adverse impacts.
- Whether the proposal will have an adverse impact on adjoining and nearby land uses.
- The need to protect amenity of existing residents.
- The need to locate buildings in one area to avoid any adverse impacts on surrounding agricultural uses.
- The likely environmental impact on the natural physical features and biodiversity of the area, including the need to retain vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to revegetate land including riparian buffers along waterways, gullies, ridgelines, property boundaries and saline discharge and recharge areas.
- The capability of the land to accommodate the proposed development.
- Whether the development will support and enhance agricultural production.
- The location of on-site effluent disposal areas to minimise the impact of nutrient loads on waterways and native vegetation.
- Any Regional Catchment Strategy and associated plan applying to the land.
- The impact of the proposal on any wetlands or waterways.
- Any integrated land management plan prepared for the site.
- Whether the development will require traffic management measures.
- For buildings and works associated with a dwelling:
  - Whether the dwelling will result in the loss or fragmentation of productive agricultural land.
  - Whether the dwelling will be adversely affected by agricultural activities on adjacent and nearby land due to dust, nose, odour, use of chemicals and farm machinery, traffic and hours of operation.
  - Whether the dwelling will adversely affect the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.
  - The potential for the proposal to lead to a concentration or proliferation of dwellings in the area and the impact of this on the use of the land for agriculture.