

**1. POLICY AREA**

This Policy applies to the General Rural zone of the Shire.

**2. POLICY OBJECTIVE**

To provide guidelines for the development of tourist facilities in General Rural areas to strengthen the economic base while enhancing the rural character of the area.

**3. POLICY STATEMENT**

3.1 Tourist developments in rural areas will be considered in either one of two categories:

- (a) high impact proposals involving significant capital investment or having the potential to conflict with surrounding land uses; and,
- (b) low impact proposals not involving significant capital investment and unlikely to conflict with adjoining land uses.

3.2 High impact proposals will require the site to be included in the Tourism zone or listed as an additional use site for that purpose.

3.3 Low impact proposals, which may include proposals such as chalets or boarding houses with accommodation for less than 10 persons or small service establishments may be permitted in the General Rural zone at Council's discretion.

3.4 All tourist developments in the General Rural areas of the Shire should be located and incorporate landscaping elements to ensure they do not visually intrude on the rural landscape.

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