

8.2.5 Hillslopes overlay code

8.2.5.1 Application

- (1) This code applies to assessing a material change of use, reconfiguring a lot, operational work or building work within the Hillslopes overlay, if:
 - (a) self assessable or assessable development where the code is identified as being applicable in the Assessment criteria for the Overlay Codes contained in the Levels of Assessment Tables in section 5.6;
 - (b) impact assessable development.
- (2) Land in the Hillslopes overlay is identified on the Hillslopes overlay map in Schedule 2 and includes the following sub-categories:
 - (a) Hillslopes constraint sub-category.
- (3) When using this code, reference should be made to Part 5.

8.2.5.2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Hillslopes overlay code is to:
 - (a) implement the policy direction in the Strategic Framework, in particular:
 - (i) Theme 1 - Settlement pattern: Element 3.4.7 Mitigation of hazards;
 - (ii) Theme 2 – Environment and landscape values: Element 3.5.5 Scenic amenity.
 - (b) enable an assessment of whether development is suitable on land within the Hillslopes sub-categories.
- (2) The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:
 - (a) development on hillslopes is safe, serviceable and accessible;
 - (b) the ecological values, landscape character and visual quality of the hillslopes are protected from development so as to retain the scenic backdrop to the region;
 - (c) Development on hillslopes is appropriate, having regard to the topographic constraints and environmental characteristics of the land;
 - (d) Development responds to the constraints of the site including gradient and slope stability;
 - (e) Works do not involve complex engineering solutions.

8.2.5.3 Criteria for assessment

Table 8.2.5.3.a – Hillslopes overlay code –assessable development

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
For self-assessable development	
PO1 The landscape character and visual amenity quality of hillslopes areas is retained to protect the scenic backdrop to the region.	AO1.1 Development is located on parts of the site that are not within the Hillslopes constraint sub-category as shown on the Hillslopes overlay Maps contained in schedule 2.
For assessable development	
PO2 The landscape character and visual amenity quality of hillslopes areas is retained to protect the scenic backdrop to the region.	AO2.1 Development does not occur on land with a gradient in excess of 1 in 6 (16.6%) or AO2.2 Where development on land steeper than 1 in 6 (16.6%) cannot be avoided, development follows the natural contours of the site.



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	<p>AO2.3 Access ways and driveways are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) constructed with surface materials that blend with the surrounding environment; (b) landscaped with dense planting to minimise the visual impact of the construction; (c) provided with erosion control measures immediately after construction. <p>AO2.4 The clearing or disturbance of vegetation is limited to clearing and disturbance that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is necessary for the construction of driveways; (b) is necessary to contain the proposed development; (c) minimises canopy clearing or disturbance; (d) minimises riparian clearing or disturbance. <p>AO2.5 On land with slopes greater than 1 in 6 (16.6%) or greater, alternative construction methods to concrete slab on ground are utilised (i.e. split level or post and beam constructed buildings that minimise modification to the natural terrain of the land).</p> <p>AO2.6 Development does not alter the sky line.</p> <p>AO2.7 Buildings and structures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) are finished predominantly in the following exterior colours or surfaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) moderately dark to darker shades of olive green, brown, green, blue, or charcoal; or (ii) moderately dark to darker wood stains that blend with the colour and hues of the surrounding vegetation and landscape; (b) are not finished in the following exterior colours or surfaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) pastel or terracotta colours, reds, yellows, shades of white or beige, or other bright colours that do not blend with the surrounding vegetation and landscape; (ii) reflective surfaces. <p>AO2.8 Exterior colour schemes limit the use of white or other light colours to exterior trim and highlighting of architectural features</p> <p>AO2.9 Areas between the first floor (including outdoor deck areas) and ground level are screened from view.</p> <p>AO2.10 Recreational or ornamental features (including</p>



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	tennis courts, ponds or swimming pools) do not occur on land: (a) with a gradient of 1 in 6 (16.6%) or more; (b) are designed to be sited and respond to the natural constraints of the land and require minimal earthworks.
PO3 Excavation or filling does not have an adverse impact on the amenity, safety, stability or function of the site or adjoining premises through: (a) loss of privacy; (b) loss of access to sunlight; (c) intrusion of visual or overbearing impacts; (d) complex engineering solutions.	AO3 Excavation or fill: (a) is not more than 1.2 metres in height for each batter or retaining wall; (b) is setback a minimum of 2 metres from property boundaries; (c) is stepped with a minimum 2 metre wide berm to incorporate landscaping in accordance with Planning scheme policy SC6.7 – Landscaping; (d) does not exceed a maximum of 3 batters and 3 berms (i.e. not greater than 3.6 metres in height) on any one lot.
Lot reconfiguration	
PO4 For development that involves reconfiguring a lot, lot layout and design is responsive to the natural constraints of the land and each lot is capable of being used for its intended purpose.	AO4.1 The frontage and depth of all lots is of sufficient width to: (a) allow driveways to follow the natural contours of the site and not exceed a gradient of 1 in 6 (16.6%); (b) accommodate any changes in gradient between the road and lot within the lot boundary and not within the road reserve. AO4.2 Development does not create new lots containing land of greater than 1 in 6 (16.6%), except where a rectangular area of land of lesser grade is contained within the new lots to accommodate the intended land use, with the balance left in its natural state to the greatest extent possible. Note – The size of rectangular areas is outlined within each zone code. AO4.3 Development does not alter ridgelines. AO4.4 Lots are designed to ensure rooflines of future buildings and structures do not protrude above a ridgeline.