

Part 5 Merit Outcomes

The Merit Outcomes of the planning scheme are measures that facilitate the achievement of the Strategic Outcomes, in accordance with Section 16(1)(b) of the Act.

The Merit Outcomes are organised into the 16 themes described below. Section 3.6 provides guidance as to the use of these themes through both the Merit Outcomes and the Standard Outcomes in Part 6.

 1. General	 2. Agricultural Land	 3. Airport Environs	 4. Amenity and Privacy
 5. Built Form and Development Design	 6. Environmental Significance	 7. Filling and Excavation	 8. Heritage
 9. Infrastructure and Services	 10. Land Constraints	 11. Land Use	 12. Landscaping
 13. Natural Hazards including Climate Change	 14. Parking, Access and Transport	 15. Reconfiguring a Lot	 16. Vegetation Clearing

Note – Merit Outcomes are organised alphabetically in **Table 5.1** by theme following the first heading “General”. Each theme has also been assigned a sequential number (1-16) which is used consistently.

Note – Where the Merit Outcomes refer to a subject matter considered as part of an overlay, the mapping of this overlay is to be used as part of the assessment of development against those Merit Outcomes, unless Council is satisfied that more accurate technical evidence (such as (but not limited to) a site specific investigation undertaken by a suitably qualified person) is available to inform the assessment. Section 3.6 provides further explanation of the relationship between Standard Outcomes and Merit Outcomes, which is relevant in the consideration of overlays.