

Coastal Conservation Zone

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The coastal landscape of Kangaroo Island is identified as the Islands most important landscape element. The zone defines the coastal areas of particularity high landscape quality and incorporates policy to ensure the preservation of the coastal landscape resource.

Zone Objectives

- To enhance and conserve the natural features of the coast including visual amenity, landforms, fauna and flora
- Low intensity recreational uses located where environmental impacts on the coast will be minimal
- Development that contributes to the desired character of the zone

Development envisaged within the zone

The following forms of developments are in the zone:

- Coastal protection works
- Conservation works
- Interpretive signage and facilities
- Natural based/eco-tourist accommodation
- Small-scale tourism/visitor facilities

Non-complying Development

Development listed as non-complying is generally inappropriate and not acceptable. Some developments listed as non-complying within the zone include:

- Advertisement / advertising hoarding (except in association with conservation works or tourist information purposes)
- Caravan park
- Commercial forestry
- Dairy
- Dam
- Dwelling (see development plan for
- Horse keeping
- Horticulture
- Intensive animal keeping
- Land division (except where:
 - a) no additional allotments are created,
 - b) it results in allotments of greater than 2 ha,
 - c) there is no increase in the number of allotments with frontage or direct access to the coast).
- Motel
- Office
- Shop
- Store
- Tourist Accommodation within Policy the landscape protection policy area 1 (refer to K.I. Development Plan)

Development within the zone

Development within the zone should be designed and sited to be compatible with conservation and enhancement of the coastal environment and scenic beauty of the zone.

Development should be:

- Unobtrusively located and should not be visible from public view/beaches etc;
- Have a maximum height of 6.5 metres above natural ground level;
- Utilise low reflective materials and colours that will minimize glare and blend in with the features of the landscape;
- Should not be located in delicate or environmentally-sensitive coastal features such as sand dunes, cliff-tops, wetlands or substantially intact strata of native vegetation;
- Effluent disposal systems incorporating soakage trenches or similar should be sited at least 100 meters from the mean high water mark;
- Should be set back a sufficient distance from the coast to provide an erosion buffer which will allow for at least 100 years of coastal retreat/erosion;

