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Integrated urban landscape objectives

To provide attractive and continuous landscaping in streets and public open spaces that contribute to the character and identity of new neighbourhoods and urban places or to existing or preferred neighbourhood character in existing urban areas.

To incorporate natural and cultural features in the design of streets and public open space where appropriate.

To protect and enhance native habitat and discourage the planting and spread of noxious weeds.

To provide for integrated water management systems and contribute to drinking water conservation.

Standard C12

An application for subdivision that creates streets or public open space should be accompanied by a landscape design.

The landscape design should:

- Implement any relevant streetscape, landscape, urban design or native vegetation precinct plan, strategy or policy for the area set out in this scheme.
- Create attractive landscapes that visually emphasise streets and public open spaces.
- Respond to the site and context description for the site and surrounding area.
- Maintain significant vegetation where possible within an urban context.
- Take account of the physical features of the land including landform, soil and climate.
- Protect and enhance any significant natural and cultural features.
- Protect and link areas of significant local habitat where appropriate.
- Support integrated water management systems with appropriate landscape design techniques for managing urban run-off including wetlands and other water sensitive urban design features in streets and public open space.
- Promote the use of drought tolerant and low maintenance plants and avoid species that are likely to spread into the surrounding environment.
- Ensure landscaping supports surveillance and provides shade in streets, parks and public open space.
- Develop appropriate landscapes for the intended use of public open space including areas for passive and active recreation, the exercising of pets, playgrounds and shaded areas.
- Provide for walking and cycling networks that link with community facilities.
- Provide appropriate pathways, signage, fencing, public lighting and street furniture.
- Create low maintenance, durable landscapes that are capable of a long life.

The landscape design must include a maintenance plan that sets out maintenance responsibilities, requirements and costs.

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VC42**Public open space provision objectives**

To provide a variety of open spaces with links to other open spaces and regional parks where possible.

To ensure that public open space of appropriate quality and quantity is provided in convenient locations to meet the recreational and social needs of the community.

To support active and healthy communities.

Standard C13

The provision of public open space should:

- Implement any relevant open space plan, strategy or policy for the area set out in this scheme.
- Provide a network of well-distributed regional and local open space that includes:
 - Regional public open space where appropriate, including along foreshores, streams and permanent water bodies.
 - Regional parks of at least 3 hectares, combining passive and active use, within 2 kilometres of all dwellings.
 - Large local parks of at least 1 hectare for active and passive use, within 500 metres safe walking distance from all dwellings.
 - Small local parks within 150 metres to 300 metres safe walking distance of all dwellings, where appropriate.
- Include land used for drainage control or stream and floodway purposes if generally available for recreational use.
- Be integrated with urban water management systems including watercourses and water bodies.
- Incorporate natural and cultural features where appropriate.
- Encourage shared use of active open space.
- Adjoin schools and other community facilities where practical.
- Meet the social, cultural, recreational and sporting needs of the community including different age groups and abilities.
- Be linked to existing or proposed future public open spaces where appropriate.
- Include publicly owned plazas or parks in activity centres where appropriate.

Land provided for public open space should be:

- Of a quality, quantity and character that makes it fit for its potential functions.
- Located so that every lot in the subdivision is within 500 metres street walking distance of existing or proposed public open space.
- Related to the street and lot layout in a manner that promotes personal safety and surveillance of users of the public open space from streets along public open space boundaries.
- Of an area and dimensions to allow easy adaptation to different uses in response to changing community sport and recreational preferences.