Division 33 Retirement Village Code

33.1 Overall Outcomes

- (1) The overall outcomes are the purpose of this code.
- (2) The overall outcomes sought by the Retirement Village Code are the following:-
 - (a) The siting and physical form of accommodation facilities and other ancillary structures are appropriate to the desired character and environmental values of the areas in which they are situated;
 - (b) A high standard of accommodation and recreational facilities are provided on **site** for the occupants of **retirement villages**;
 - (c) Acceptable levels of natural light, natural ventilation and privacy for occupants of the premises and the occupants of adjoining premises are provided and maintained;
 - (d) Safe, convenient and adequate facilities addressing the following aspects of development are provided on **site**:-
 - (i) parking facilities and vehicle manoeuvring areas;
 - (ii) passive and active recreation;
 - (iii) potable water supply and power;
 - (iv) waste storage, recycling and disposal;
 - (v) laundry facilities;
 - (vi) emergency vehicle access; and
 - (vii) equitable access;
 - (e) Safe, convenient and adequate infrastructure is available to the premises; and
 - (f) Safe, convenient and adequate access to community services are available to the development site.

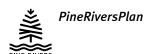
33.2 Compliance with the Retirement Village Code

Assessable development that is consistent with the specific outcomes of the Development Requirements *Table 6.1.33 Assessment Criteria for Assessable Development* contained in Section 33.4 complies with the Retirement Village Code.

33.3 Development Requirements

The development requirements of this code relate to the following elements:-

- (1) Development Site Area Limitations
- (2) Density of Development and Overall Site Coverage
- (3) Setbacks and Buffers to the Development Site Perimeter
- (4) Site Frontage and Road Access Constraints
- (5) Proximity of Development to Service Facilities
- (6) Building Separation
- (7) Car Parking and Service Vehicle Facilities
- (8) Communal Recreation Facilities
- (9) On-Site Services and Waste Storage, Recycling and Disposal Facilities
- (10) Emergency Vehicle Access and Signage
- (11) Outdoor Lighting
- (12) Disabled Facilities
- (13) Infrastructure Provision
- (14) Tall Structures
- (15) Energy Efficiency
- (16) Building Form and Appearance



33.4 Development Requirements Table

Specific Outcomes for Assessable Development	Probable Solutions
Development Site Area Limitations	-
SO 1 The overall development <i>site</i> is of a size which	PS 1 The overall development <i>site</i> has an area of no
adequately accommodates the siting and use of the buildings and other associated facilities comprising the retirement village while maintaining the established or desired character of the area.	less than 2,000m².
Density of Development and Overall Site Coverage	
SO 2 The development is of a density and is in a form which gives recognition to, and does not detract from, the character of development on adjacent land and other land in the general vicinity of the development site .	PS 2.1 The gross floor area of the development is no more than 55% of the area of that section of the development site occupied by the retirement village and its buffers to adjacent land uses. AND
	PS 2.2 Overall site coverage for the retirement village does not exceed 50%.
Setbacks and Buffers to the Development Site Perimeter	of Control
 SO 3 All car parking facilities, buildings or other structures are located on the development site in a manner which:- (1) does not adversely impact on the existing or desired streetscape for the area; (2) is in keeping with the desired or established character of the area; (3) does not result in significant loss of amenity to uses on adjacent land, or land in the general vicinity of the site, having regard to:- (a) overshadowing; (b) privacy and overlooking; and (c) natural light and ventilation; and (4) does not result in adverse effects on the safe and efficient operation of the vehicle carriageways and pedestrian thoroughfares within the frontage road. 	PS 3.1 Unless more extensive buffering is required under another code within this planning scheme which is applicable¹ to the particular development site, a landscaped buffer having a width of no less than 3m and constructed to the standard prescribed in Planning Scheme Policy PSP30 Landscape Design is provided and maintained on site for the full length of, and adjacent to, the road boundaries of the overall development site. For purposes of this provision, the property boundary includes any identified probable future land acquisition line. AND PS 3.2 Unless a greater setback distance is required by another code within this planning scheme which is applicable¹ to the particular development site, the following boundary clearances are maintained for all buildings and structures (other than structures having a height of less than 1m above natural ground surface, freestanding retaining walls and fences) on the development site:- (1) no less than 6m to any road boundary (i.e. the
	boundary opposite, or approximately opposite the road boundary); and (3) a setback distance of no less than that applicable under acceptable solution A2 within Part 12 of the <i>Queensland Development Code</i> to any boundary not covered by (1) and (2) above. For purposes of this provision, the property boundary includes any identified <i>probable future land acquisition line</i> . AND PS 3.3 No car parking facilities or <i>structures</i> , other than freestanding retaining walls and fences, are constructed
Site Frontage and Road Access Constraints	within the buffer prescribed in <i>PS 3.1</i> .
SO 4 The development site has:-	PS 4.1 The development <i>site</i> has a frontage of no less

- SO 4 The development **site** has:-
- (1) a road frontage of sufficient length to cater for:-
 - (a) vehicular movement to and from the site by vehicles appropriate to the scale of the facility;
 - (b) vehicular movements on the development site; and
 - (c) on-site accommodation facilities adequately buffered from adjacent land uses; and

PS 4.1 The development *site* has a frontage of no less than 20m to a public road.

AND

PS 4.2 The road from which vehicular access to the development is taken has a reserve width of no less than 18m and a sealed pavement width of no less than 7.5m.



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(2) a frontage road of adequate reserve width to accommodate:-	
(a) the footpath reserves; and	
(b) the sealed pavement widths;	
appropriate for the traffic generated by the development and	
the land uses within close proximity to the development site .	
Proximity of the Development to Service Facilities	
SO 5 The development is within a reasonable travel distance of community services providing for the short-term	PS 5 The pedestrian entry point to the development site is:-
needs of the occupants of the <i>retirement village</i> .	(1) within a 400m walking distance of a local park;
	(2) within 400m walking distance of an existing public transport pick-up and set-down facility; and
	(3) within a 400m walking distance of an established convenience shopping area.
Building Separation	convenience snopping area.
SO 6 Openings in the external envelope of buildings within	PS 6 The distance between openings within facing
the development <i>site</i> which contain <i>dwelling units</i> , serviced hostel units or nursing home accommodation are positioned	walls of residential units on the development site is no less than:-
in such a manner that adequate privacy is maintained for	(1) 9m in instances where the difference in level
the occupants of all residential units within the development and that the potential for overlooking of activities within those units:-	between the higher opening and the opposing lower opening is less than 1.5m; and
(1) is minimised; and	(2) 11m in instances where the difference in level between the higher opening and the opposing
(2) meets the reasonable expectations of the residents within the <i>retirement village</i> .	opening is 1.5m or more; unless:-
	(3) the sill of the higher opening is no less than 1.7m
	above the finished floor level of the room that the opening serves; and
	(4) the opposing walls are no less than 3.2m apart.
	These minimum separation distances are also provided
XU (between buildings housing residential units and other buildings on the land which have external openings that overlook openings to the residential units.
	For purposes of this provision, a residential unit is
	residential accommodation in the form of a dwelling unit,
	serviced hostel unit or a private or shared bedroom within nursing home accommodation.
Car Parking and Service Vehicle Facilities	nursing nome accommodation.
SO 7 Sufficient space is available on the development	There is no probable solution for the numbers or type
site to accommodate:-	of service vehicle standing bays to be provided on the
(1) the likely demand and expectations for resident parking facilities within the <i>retirement village</i> ;	development <i>site</i> under this element. PS 7.1 2 car parking spaces ² are provided on <i>site</i> for
(2) the parking needs of the on-site manager, maintenance staff and other on-site employees;	each <i>dwelling unit</i> while at least 1 parking space for each of the <i>dwelling units</i> is to be fully enclosed, lockable and
(3) the likely demand of visitors to the site in terms of numbers and location of visitor parking bays; and	adjacent to that dwelling unit . These car parking spaces may be aligned in tandem formation.
(4) the needs for service vehicle access, manoeuvring and	AND
standing areas.	PS 7.2 Visitor car parking bays ² are provided on the development site at a rate of no less than 1 bay per 2
· ·	dwelling units and are so distributed that part of every
	dwelling unit is within 50m walking distance of a visitor car parking bay.
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AND

PS 7.3 5 car parking spaces² are provided on *site* for every 4 serviced hostel units.

AND

PS 7.4 1 car parking space² is provided on *site* for every 4 beds, or part thereof, in any nursing home facility on

the land.



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	PS 7.5 Service vehicle standing areas² are provided on the development site in locations adjacent to the facilities that they service.
	PS 7.6 3 car parking spaces² are provided within 10m travel distance of an access door to any on-site manager's residence and are set aside for the exclusive use of the on-site manager. AND
	PS 7.7 1 car parking space per staff member employed on the <i>site</i> at any point in time, is provided on <i>site</i> and is set aside for the exclusive use of on-site staff employed in the operation of the <i>retirement village</i> . AND
	PS 7.8 Of the visitor car parking bays prescribed in PS 7.2:- (1) at least 1 in 10 of the overall number of bays required is provided adjacent to any on-site reception area;
	and (2) at least 1 in 20 of the overall number of bays required is designed and constructed to the standard prescribed for use by disabled persons in Australian Standard AS 2890.1 (1993) Off-Street Car Parking.
	PS 7.9 Where dwelling units are required by this code to be accessible to people with physical disabilities, the car parking spaces for those units are designed and constructed for use by disabled persons to the standard prescribed in Australian Standard AS2890.1(1993) Off-Street Car Parking.
Communal Recreation Facilities	
SO 8 The development is provided with landscaped recreation areas and facilities which are accessible by all residents of the <i>retirement village</i> and their bonafide visitors and which are equivalent to that required for other forms of residential development of a similar size and density in terms	PS 8.1 Not less than 30% of the area of that section of the development <i>site</i> occupied by the <i>retirement village</i> is developed and maintained as landscaped recreation area for the use of the residents of the <i>retirement village</i> . AND
of:- (1) area; (2) shape; (3) casual observation;	PS 8.2 The 30% landscaped recreation area prescribed under PS 8.1 does not include service areas such as clothes drying areas and bin storage facilities. AND
 (4) catering for the recreational needs of those age groups likely to be represented in a residential facility of this nature; and (5) protection of users from direct exposure to the sun and inclement weather conditions. 	PS 8.3 For those developments which incorporate 10 or more residential units, not less than 5% of the area of that section of the overall development <i>site</i> occupied by the <i>retirement village</i> is developed and maintained as communal recreation space.
	For purposes of this provision, a residential unit is residential accommodation in the form of a <i>dwelling unit</i> , serviced hostel unit or a private or shared bedroom within nursing home accommodation.
	AND PS 8.4 The 5% communal recreation space prescribed
	under <i>PS 8.3</i> :-
	(1) does not include any area having a dimension of less than 5m;
	(2) does not include vehicle standing areas or internal roadways;
	(3) is so located that pedestrian access from any residential unit to the entry point to such space does not involve crossing more than one internal roadway;
	(4) is so located that entry to such space is within 100m walking distance of every residential unit; and

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	(5) is so designed that every part of the required communal recreation space is observable from a roofed facility accessible by residents of the retirement village.
	For purposes of this provision, a residential unit is residential accommodation in the form of a <i>dwelling unit</i> , serviced hostel unit or a private or shared bedroom within nursing home accommodation. AND
	PS 8.5 For those developments which incorporate more than 10 but less than 25 residential units, roofed recreation areas having an aggregate floor area equivalent to 1m² per resident for the licensed capacity of the <i>retirement village</i> are provided on <i>site</i> .
	For purposes of this provision, a residential unit is residential accommodation in the form of a <i>dwelling unit</i> , serviced hostel unit or a private or shared bedroom within nursing home accommodation.
	AND
	PS 8.6 For those developments which incorporate 25 or more residential units, the following facilities are provided on the development <i>site</i> :-
	(1) the roofed recreation area prescribed under <i>PS 8.5</i> ; and
	(2) one or more of the following:-(a) a community passenger vehicle;
*	(b) on-site personal care services; and
	an on-site prepared meal service which is not set aside for the sole benefit of any nursing home facility on the land.
~O	For purposes of this provision, a residential unit is residential accommodation in the form of a <i>dwelling unit</i> , serviced hostel unit or a private or shared bedroom within nursing home accommodation.
On-Site Services and Waste Storage, Recycling and Dis	sposal Facilities
SO 9 Waste storage, recycling, disposal and bin washout facilities adequately catering for the everyday on-site activities of residents, managers/operators and maintenance staff are: (1) conveniently located in terms of the waste generating activities;	PS 9 Waste storage and bin washout facilities meeting the acceptable construction standards outlined in Planning Scheme Policy PSP16 Construction Standards for Bin Washout Facilities, Shared Carwash Facilities and Waste Receptacle Storage Areas are provided on the development site.
 (2) appropriately screened from recreation areas, internal thoroughfares, reception areas and adjacent land; (3) of sufficient size to accommodate the everyday appropriated load of the ways appropriate activity. 	There is no probable solution for the location, screening and size of waste storage and bin washout facilities to be provided on the development site under this element.
 anticipated load of the waste generating activity; so located as to not have a significant adverse effect on the amenity of occupants of the <i>site</i> and adjacent land; 	
(5) readily accessible to waste collection vehicles; and	
(6) so located that required reversing manoeuvres by waste collection vehicles are minimised in terms of number	
and travel distance, and are restricted to areas where sight distances are not overly constrained.	DO 40 First 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
SO 10 Food preparation facilities meeting the reasonable everyday demands of the occupants of the serviced hostel units within the <i>retirement village</i> are provided on the development <i>site</i> and are maintained in both good working order and a presentable condition.	PS 10 Food preparation facilities meeting the acceptable standards outlined in <i>Planning Scheme Policy PSP32 Laundry and Personal Amenities for Shared Accommodation Facilities</i> are provided on the development site .
SO 11 Laundry and drying facilities meeting the reasonable everyday demands of the occupants of the serviced hostel units within the <i>retirement village</i> are provided on the development <i>site</i> and are maintained in both good working	PS 11 Laundry and drying facilities meeting the acceptable standards outlined in <i>Planning Scheme Policy PSP32 Laundry and Personal Amenities for Shared Accommodation Facilities</i> are provided on the
order and a presentable condition.	development <i>site</i> .



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SO 12 Car washing facilities adequate to cater for the everyday needs of on-site residents are available:-

- (1) in locations which allow for the efficient washing of resident vehicles while ensuring that the washing activity has no significant adverse effect on the use of internal roadways, pedestrian thoroughfares or residential units; and
- (2) in a form which allows the efficient capture of wash water and the direction of wash water into an approved drainage system while minimising the potential for contamination of surface soil or surface waters.

Probable Solutions

PS 12.1 For those developments that incorporate 10 or more *dwelling units*, serviced hostel units or a combination of 10 or more such units, car washing facilities meeting the acceptable construction standards outlined in *Planning Scheme Policy PSP16 Construction Standards* for *Bin Washout Facilities, Shared Carwash Facilities* and *Waste Receptacle Storage Areas* are provided on the development *site* at the rate of 1 car washing space per 100 *dwelling units* or serviced hostel units, or part thereof.

AND

PS 12.2 A separation distance of no less than 6m is provided between any car washing facilities and any residential unit, internal pedestrian thoroughfare or internal roadway.

For purposes of this provision, a residential unit is residential accommodation in the form of a *dwelling unit*, serviced hostel unit or a private or shared bedroom within nursing home accommodation.

Emergency Vehicle Access and Signage

SO 13 A complete and readily understood directory system of on-site facilities which facilitates the effective operation of emergency services personnel in carrying out their designated duties, and aids in the direction of other visitors to the development *site*, is provided at the vehicular entry point to the *site*.

PS 13.1 A sign incorporating and identifying:-

- (1) the overall layout of the development (to scale);
- (2) internal road names;
- (3) all communal facilities identified by name;
- (4) reception area and any on-site manager's office;
- on-site hydrant facilities including hydrant points, booster points, on-site pumps and hydrant water storage facilities; and
- (6) physical constraints within the internal roadway system which would restrict access by fire fighting appliances and other emergency vehicles³;

is provided at the vehicular entry point to the **site** adjacent to a sealed layby no smaller than 11m x 3.5m wide.

AND

PS 13.2 The sign prescribed under *PS 13.1* and the graphics thereon are:-

- (1) in a form;
- (2) of a size; and
- (3) illuminated to a level;

which allows the information on the sign to be readily understood, at all times, by an average person either standing, or seated in a vehicle, 4.5m from the sign.

Outdoor Lighting

SO 14 An adequate level of illumination is provided at all times at the pedestrian entry point to the development *site* and within the communal areas of the overall development *site* which would ordinarily be used by residents during hours of twilight and/or darkness.

- **PS 14** The pedestrian entry point to the development *site* and the designated pedestrian thoroughfares leading to:-
- (1) the entry point to the overall development site; and
- (2) the reception area for the development site;

are at all times illuminated to a level no less than that prescribed under Australian Standard AS 1158.3.1 (1999) Road Lighting – Pedestrian Area (Category P) Lighting - Performance and Installation Design Requirements.

SO 15 Outdoor lighting necessarily associated with the use of land as a *retirement village* is operated in such a manner as not to cause unreasonable disturbance to any person or animal on adjacent land.

PS 15 External lighting within the overall development *site* is directed and shielded in such a manner as not to exceed the "recommended maximum values of light technical parameters for the control of obtrusive light" given in Table 2.1 of *Australian Standard AS 4282 (1997) Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.* For purposes of that table, "curfewed hours" are taken to be those hours between 10pm and 7am on the following day.

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Disabled Facilities	
SO 16 Safe, dignified and equitable access for physically disabled persons is provided to, and within:-	PS 16 Access for physically disabled persons is provided:-
 (1) those communal areas of the development <i>site</i> which are normally accessible to residents; and (2) an appropriate number of <i>dwelling units</i> which are designed to accommodate the reasonable needs of physically disabled persons. 	(1) from the entry point to the development <i>site</i> , from every on-site car parking space designated for use by disabled persons, to every individual <i>dwelling unit</i> required to be accessible by disabled persons, and to the reception area for the development;
priyatedily disabled persons.	(2) from every dwelling unit required to be accessible by disabled persons to those parts of the communal area which are normally accessible to residents;
	(3) within those outdoor communal areas of the development <i>site</i> which are normally accessible to residents; and
	(4) to and within at least 1 for every 20 <i>dwelling units</i> , or part thereof, on the development <i>site</i> ;
	to the standard prescribed under Australian Standard AS 1428.1 (2001) Design for Access and Mobility and in a manner which does not require disabled persons not in motorised vehicles to travel along those parts of the internal roadways normally used by vehicular traffic.
	For purposes of this provision, the term dwelling unit is restricted to those buildings having a classification of 14 under the <i>Building Code of Australia</i> .
Infrastructure Provision	
SO 17 The overall development site has access to infrastructure capable of adequately catering for the reasonable everyday demand of the development in regard	PS 17.1 The overall development site has direct vehicular access ⁵ to a dedicated road constructed to a standard which includes:-
to:-	(1) concrete kerb and channel;
(1) road access;(2) stormwater drainage;	(2) a 1.2m wide concrete footpath;
(3) water supply;	(3) sealed road pavement;
(4) electricity supply; and	(4) linemarking; and
(5) telecommunications.	(5) road drainage works; on the ultimate alignment prescribed in <i>Planning Scheme</i>
S	Policy PSP28 Civil Infrastructure Design for a road of the standard designated by the administering authority, and which is constructed for the full frontage of the site .
	AND
	PS 17.2 The development is directly connected to a Council maintained stormwater drainage system which satisfies the requirements of <i>Planning Scheme Policy PSP28 Civil Infrastructure Design</i> .
	AND
	PS 17.3 The development has direct access to a reticulated community potable water supply which satisfies the requirements of <i>Planning Scheme Policy PSP28 Civil Infrastructure Design</i> .
	AND
	PS 17.4 The development has direct access to a reticulated community electricity supply and a landline telecommunication facility.
SO 18 Adequate sheltered telecommunication facilities satisfying the reasonable everyday demand of the users of the overall development are provided in appropriate locations on the development <i>site</i> .	PS 18 For those developments which incorporate 10 or more serviced hostel units, at least 1 pay phone for every 100 such units, or part thereof, having the following characteristics is available in the reception area or in a communal area of the overall development <i>site</i> :-
	(1) sheltered from adverse weather conditions;
	(2) capable of IDD, STD and local area dialling;

(3) available on a 24 hour basis;

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	(4) illuminated to a level no less than that prescribed in Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1680.0 (1998) Interior Lighting or AS 1158.3.1 (1999) Road Lighting – Pedestrian Area (Category P) Lighting – Performance and Installation Design Requirements as applicable to the location of the facility;
	(5) accessible to disabled persons to the standard prescribed in Australian Standard AS 1428.1 (2001) Design for Access and Mobility; and
	(6) readily observable from reception areas.
Tall Structures	
SO 19 Structures such as light pylons, antennae, masts, aerials, telecommunication structures and other supply services which are ancillary to the use of premises as a retirement village, are restricted to a height and appearance which:-	PS 19.1 Supply services within the development site which are not otherwise concealed within buildings or other structures are reticulated underground. AND
(1) does not adversely impact on the existing or desired streetscape for the area; and	PS 19.2 Structures such as light pylons, antennae, masts, aerials and telecommunication structures are limited in height so that no part of those structures, or
(2) is in keeping with the desired or established character of the area.	attachments to the structures , projects more than the lesser of:-
	(1) the maximum height permitted under another code within this <i>planning scheme</i> which is applicable ¹ to the particular development <i>site</i> ; and
	(2) 10m above <i>natural ground surface.</i> AND
	PS 19.3 Transmission and receiving dishes are no larger than 1.2m in diameter.
Energy Efficiency	
SO 20 All serviced hostel units within the retirement village are so orientated and constructed as to maximise opportunities for the use of natural forms of heating, cooling and lighting while facilitating the efficient use of energy for artificial heating and cooling of those areas.	PS 20 The "acceptable construction practice" set out in the following parts of Volume 2 of the <i>Building Code of Australia</i> and the prescriptive requirements of the "acceptable construction manuals" nominated in those same parts are achieved for all building work comprising serviced hostel units within the <i>retirement village</i> despite the fact that those units would not comprise buildings of Class 1:- (1) Part 3.12.1 – "Building Fabric"; (2) Part 3.12.2 – "External Glazing"; (3) Part 3.12.3 – "Building Sealing";
	(4) Part 3.12.4 – "Air Movement"; and
	(5) Part 3.12.5 – "Services".
Building Form and Appearance	
SO 21 All building work on the development <i>site</i> is of a scale, form and external appearance which:-	PS 21 No solution provided.
(1) does not adversely impact on the existing or desired streetscape for the area; and	
(2) is in keeping with the desired or established character of	

- ¹ Those codes identified in the assessment table and any overlay code relevant to the land.
- ² Physical attributes of car parking and service vehicle facilities are set out in detail in the Access and Parking Code.
- ³ Legislation administered by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service prescribes the width, unobstructed height, clearance and standard of construction required for access to all of the operational components of the on-site hydrant facilities.
- Disabled access to, from and within dwelling units within buildings having a classification other than 1 is addressed in the Building Code of Australia.
- ⁵ Physical attributes of vehicle access crossings are set out in detail in the Access and Parking Code.

the area.