

Craig Barr for QLDC – Summary of evidence, 02 May 2016 Chapter 23 Gibbston Character Zone, Hearing Stream 2

1. The Gibbston Character Zone chapter provides a framework that enables viticulture, provides for complementary commercial activities, and manages activities that could in some instances be appropriate (such as residential or other commercial activities) but could also have the potential to have adverse effects on Gibbston Valley’s economic vitality and amenity values.
2. The permitted activity rules for buildings within an approved building platform and for additions to established buildings outside of a building platform, alongside standards controlling colour, the size of any one building and height, are considered the best way to efficiently manage anticipated development. These are similar to the standards to manage the potential impacts of permitted buildings, however are not subject to as many submissions as the equivalent rules in Chapters 21 and 22.
3. The retention of a discretionary activity rule for residential activity and other buildings that are not otherwise provided for as a controlled activity is considered the most appropriate way to manage development in the Gibbston Character Zone.
4. Making frost fighting towers and blades exempt from the farm building height rules is an appropriate way to provide for viticulture infrastructure that is necessary and would have a negligible visual effect on the environment.