

# THE ULTIMATE CHECKLIST FOR PICKING THE RIGHT LOCATION FOR AN ACCOMMODATION UNIT

	Checklist	Notes
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## 1. Purpose & Usage

✓	Have you clearly defined the purpose of this unit (e.g. worker rest, standby, security)?	Directly affects placement and fit-out
✓	Will the unit be used daily, seasonally, or occasionally?	Informs access requirements and service intensity
✓	Who will manage or maintain the unit long-term?	Helps assign responsibilities for service access, keys, faults

## 2. Access & Site Movement





✓	Is the site reachable by all required vehicles (utes, 4WDs, service vehicles) in all weather?	Avoid locations that become inaccessible during rain
✓	Is there turning space for delivery or emergency vehicles near the unit?	Especially important for modular transport or refuelling
✓	Are walkways to key areas (kitchen, ablutions, work zones) clear and safe?	Minimise mud paths or erosion-prone tracks
✓	Can personnel move safely to and from the unit at night?	Add lighting or solar bollards if required

## 3. Services & Utilities




✓	Is there nearby access to power, water, septic, or sewer?	Reduces installation costs and trenching
✓	Have you mapped all underground services and potential conflict zones?	Use Dial Before You Dig to avoid costly disruptions
✓	Will the location allow easy maintenance of these services?	Avoid locations requiring excessive vehicle access or disruption
✓	Is there potential for greywater discharge or overflow to cause damage?	Ensure fall away from buildings or access paths

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#### 4. Weather, Drainage & Orientation

	Is the site protected from prevailing winds and storms?	Consider shelter belts, ridges, or natural buffers
	Is the unit oriented to reduce sun load, especially western heat?	Informs access requirements and service intensity
	Is the ground well-drained and not prone to pooling water?	Avoid low spots or blacksoil zones that bog down
	Have you considered flood mapping or local water flow in heavy rain?	Use existing runoff patterns or construct a swale if needed




#### 5. Activity Zones & Exposure

	Is the unit placed far enough from areas with crop spraying, dust or noise?	Health, safety, and comfort of occupants
	Is there a sufficient buffer between the unit and active farm or industrial zones?	Reduce interference and improve productivity
	Is the location far enough from livestock yards or effluent areas?	Odour, hygiene, and compliance considerations

#### 6. Visibility, Oversight & Safety

	Can the unit be seen from main access tracks, headquarters or the homestead?	Improves safety and supervision
	Are firebreaks, muster points and exit routes considered?	Part of bushfire readiness and emergency planning
	Is there a designated safe path to evacuate in case of emergency?	Should be driveable in most weather conditions

#### 7. Flexibility & Long-Term Fit

	Is there room to add more units nearby without major site reshaping?	Future expansion without downtime
	Will the utility setup support additional loads if more units are added?	Plan upfront to avoid overloading power or septic
	Are there current or future zoning/planning restrictions that might affect the use of this area?	Consult local council guidelines or planning overlays

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