# **State code 9: Great Barrier Reef wetland protection areas**

[State Development Assessment Provisions Guideline: State code 9: Wetland protection areas](https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/ecosystems/wetlands/pdf/sdap-code9-gbr-wetland-protection-areas-guideline.pdf) which provides direction on how to address this code.

**Table 9.1: Development with an acceptable outcome**

| **Performance outcomes** | **Acceptable outcomes** | **Response** |
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| **General** |  |
| **PO1** Development maintains or improves **wetland environmental values** and native **vegetation** within the wetland and the **buffer**. | **AO1.1** The **buffer** surrounding a wetland has a minimum width of:1. 200 metres, where the **wetland** is located outside a **prescribed urban area**; or
2. 50 metres, where the **wetland** is located within a **prescribed urban area**.
 | Complies with PO# / AO#Use this column to indicate whether compliance is achieved with the relevant PO or AO (or if they do not apply), and explain why |

**Table 9.2: Development with no acceptable outcome**

| **Performance outcomes** | **Response** |
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| **General** |
| **PO2** Development is not carried out in a **wetland** in a **wetland protection area**.  | Complies with PO# Use this column to indicate whether compliance is achieved with the relevant PO (or if they do not apply), and explain why |
| **Hydrology** |
| **PO3** Development maintains or improves the existing surface and groundwater hydrology in a **wetland protection area**. |  |
| **Water quality** |
| **PO4** Development does not unacceptably impact the water quality of the **wetland** in the **wetland protection area** and in the **wetland** **buffer**. |  |
| **PO5** Development does not use the **wetland** in the **wetland protection area** for stormwater treatment. |  |
| **Land degradation** |
| **PO6** Development is located and designed to protect the **wetland protection area** from **land degradation.** |  |
| **Fauna management** |
| **PO7** Development protects **wetland fauna** from any impacts associated with noise, light or **visual disturbance**. |  |
| **PO8** Development protects the movement of **wetland fauna** within and through a **wetland protection area**. |  |
| **PO9** Development does not introduce pest plants, pest animals or **exotic species** into a **wetland** and its **buffer**. |  |
| **Matters of state environmental significance** |
| **PO10** Development outside the **wetland** is designed and sited to: 1. avoid impacts on **matters of state environmental significance**; or
2. minimise and mitigate impacts on **matters of state environmental significance** after demonstrating avoidance is not reasonably possible; and
3. provide an **offset** if, after demonstrating all reasonable avoidance, minimisation and mitigation measures are undertaken, the development results in an acceptable **significant residual impact** on **a matter of state environmental significance**.

Statutory note: For Brisbane core port land, an offset may only be applied to development on land identified as E1 Conservation/Buffer, E2 Open Space or Buffer/Investigation in the Brisbane Port LUP precinct plan.  |  |