

9.4.4 Filling and excavation code

9.4.4.1 Application

- (1) This code applies to assessing:
 - (a) operational work for filling or excavation which is self-assessable or code assessable development if this code is an applicable code identified in the assessment criteria column of a table of assessment; or
 - (b) a material change of use or reconfiguring a lot if:
 - (i) assessable development where this code is identified as a prescribed secondary code in the assessment criteria column of a table of assessment; or
 - (ii) impact assessable development, to the extent relevant.

Note—This code does not apply to building work that is regulated under the Building Code of Australia.

- (2) When using this code, reference should be made to Part 5.

9.4.4.2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Filling and excavation code is to assess the suitability of development for filling or excavation.
- (2) The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:
 - (a) filling or excavation does not impact on the character or amenity of the site and surrounding areas;
 - (b) filling and excavation does not adversely impact on the environment;
 - (c) filling and excavation does not impact on water quality or drainage of upstream, downstream or adjoining properties;
 - (d) filling and excavation is designed to be fit for purpose and does not create land stability issues;
 - (e) filling and excavation works do not involve complex engineering solutions.

9.4.4.3 Criteria for assessment

Table 9.4.4.3.a – Filling and excavation code – for self-assessable and assessable development

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
For self-assessable and assessable development	
Filling and excavation - General	
<p>PO1 All filling and excavation work does not create a detrimental impact on the slope stability, erosion potential or visual amenity of the site or the surrounding area.</p>	<p>AO1.1 The height of cut and/or fill, whether retained or not, does not exceed 2 metres in height.</p> <p>and</p> <p>Cuts in excess of those stated in A1.1 above are separated by benches/ terraces with a minimum width of 1.2 metres that incorporate drainage provisions and screen planting.</p> <p>AO1.2 Cuts are supported by batters, retaining or rock walls and associated benches/terraces are capable of supporting mature vegetation.</p> <p>AO1.3 Cuts are screened from view by the siting of the building/structure, wherever possible.</p>

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	<p>AO1.4 Topsoil from the site is retained from cuttings and reused on benches/terraces.</p> <p>AO1.5 No crest of any cut or toe of any fill, or any part of any retaining wall or structure is closer than 600mm to any boundary of the property, unless the prior written approval of the adjoining landowner has been obtained.</p> <p>AO1.6 Non-retained cut and/or fill on slopes are stabilised and protected against scour and erosion by suitable measures, such as grassing, landscaping or other protective/aesthetic measures.</p>
Visual Impact and Site Stability	
<p>PO2 Filling and excavation are carried out in such a manner that the visual/scenic amenity of the area and the privacy and stability of adjoining properties is not compromised.</p>	<p>AO2.1 The extent of filling and excavation does not exceed 40% of the site area, or 500m² whichever is the lesser, except that AO2.1 does not apply to reconfiguration of 5 lots or more.</p> <p>AO2.2 Filling and excavation does not occur within 2 metres of the site boundary.</p>
Flooding and drainage	
<p>PO3 Filling and excavation does not result in a change to the run off characteristics of a site which then have a detrimental impact on the site or nearby land or adjacent road reserves.</p>	<p>AO3.1 Filling and excavation does not result in the ponding of water on a site or adjacent land or road reserves.</p> <p>AO3.2 Filling and excavation does not result in an increase in the flow of water across a site or any other land or road reserves.</p> <p>AO3.3 Filling and excavation does not result in an increase in the volume of water or concentration of water in a watercourse and overland flow paths.</p> <p>AO3.4 Filling and excavation complies with the specifications set out in Planning Scheme Policy No SC5 – FNQROC Development Manual.</p>
Water quality	
<p>PO4 Filling and excavation does not result in a reduction of the water quality of receiving waters.</p>	<p>AO4 Water quality is maintained to comply with the specifications set out in Planning Scheme Policy No SC5 – FNQROC Development Manual.</p>

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
Infrastructure	
<p>PO5 Excavation and filling does not impact on Public Utilities.</p>	<p>AO5 Excavation and filling is clear of the zone of influence of public utilities.</p>