



SARA reference: 2501-44428 SRA
 Applicant reference: -
 Council reference: OP 2025_5717/1

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Attention: Frances Mahlouzarides

Dear Sir /Madam

SARA information request – Captain Cook Highway, Mowbray

(Given under chapter 1, part 3, section 12 of the Development Assessment Rules)

This notice has been issued because the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) has identified that information necessary to assess your application against the relevant provisions of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) has not been provided.

Matters of state environmental significance	
1.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The proposed application material has not adequately addressed and demonstrated compliance with Performance Outcome (PO)17 of State code 8: Coastal development and tidal works of the SDAP. The State code 8 SDAP assessment provided within the planning report states that “...<i>Any other relevant MSES values have been responded to in this report and are not impacted significantly</i>”. However, it is unclear where the information referred to in the report is further outlined and as such the response to PO17 is not sufficient.</p> <p>The applicant should discuss in detail all mapped MSES within and adjacent to the site and demonstrate how the design of the proposed development either avoids or minimises and mitigates impacts on MSES. After demonstrating all reasonable avoidance, minimisation and mitigation measures have been undertaken, an assessment against the significant residual impact guideline should be undertaken to determine whether an offset is</p>

	<p>necessary.</p> <p>The following MSES have been noted at or adjacent to the proposed site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSES Marine Park (highly protected) • MSES Regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) • MSES declared high ecological value waters (wetland) • MSES High ecological significance wetlands • MSES Wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable) • MSES Wildlife habitat (special least concern animal) • MSES Regulated Vegetation (Category B – endangered or vulnerable) • MSES Regulated Vegetation (category R – GBR Riverine) • MSES Regulated Vegetation (essential habitat) <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>The applicant is required to provide a detailed response to PO17 of State code 8 of the SDAP to demonstrate that the proposed development has avoided impacts or, where the matters of state environmental significance cannot be reasonably avoided, impacts are reasonably minimised and mitigated.</p> <p>All mapped MSES (noted above) must be addressed against the avoid, minimise, offset hierarchy.</p>
Demolition works	
2.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The 'Demolition and Clearing Plans Site 6 (52.3 KM) Sheet 1 of 4 prepared by Queensland Government, reference 958870, issue 3' states "existing rock fill to be removed". It is unclear whether this is an existing tidal work structure or part of the beach substrate.</p> <p>Please note: The definition of tidal works includes the construction or demolition of a structure and as such, the demolition of any existing seawall and associated infrastructure is considered to be tidal works and requires a development approval.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>Please confirm whether the existing rock fill to be removed is a lawful tidal work structure or not.</p>

The review undertaken by SARA has also identified the following issue with the proposed development material:

Water quality	
1.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The proposed application material has not adequately addressed and demonstrated compliance with PO13 of State code 8 of the SDAP. The assessment response provided within the planning report to address PO13 has not adequately outlined how the proposed development meets the development considerations 1 – 3 of PO13.</p> <p>As the proposed development may interact with the mapped MSES declared high</p>

	<p>ecological value waters [wetland] and high ecological significance wetlands, SARA requires further information in order to carry out a technical assessment.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The applicant is requested to provide a further detailed response to the development considerations under PO13 of State code 8 of the SDAP. It is recommended that any relevant management plans (e.g. Environmental Management Plan) are submitted to SARA to review.</p>
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How to respond

You have three months to respond to this request and the due date to SARA is **13 June 2025**.

You may respond by providing either: (a) all of the information requested; (b) part of the information requested; or (c) a notice that none of the information will be provided. Further guidance on responding to an information request is provided in section 13 of the [Development Assessment Rules](#) (DA Rules).

It is recommended that you provide all the information requested above. If you decide not to provide all the information requested, your application will be assessed and decided based on the information provided to date.

You are requested to upload your response and complete the relevant tasks in [MyDAS2](#).

As SARA is a referral agency for this application, a copy of this information request will be provided to the assessment manager in accordance with section 12.4 of the DA Rules.

If you require further information or have any questions about the above, please contact Charlton Best, Senior Planning Officer, on 07 4037 3200 or via email CairnsSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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Principal Planner

cc Douglas Shire Council, enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au

Development details	
Description:	Development permit Operational work for prescribed tidal works – revetment wall
SARA role:	Referral agency
SARA trigger:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule 10, Part 6, Division 3, Subdivision 3, Table 1, Item 1 – Operational work involving marine plants Schedule 10, Part 17, Division 3, Table 2, Item 1 – Operational work that is tidal works or work in a coastal management district
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Assessment criteria:	<div>State Development Assessment Provisions (version 3.2):</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State code 8: Coastal development and tidal works• State code 11: Removal, destruction or damage of marine plants