



Constructing a Dam



The construction of dams is regulated under the Fraser Coast Planning Scheme 2014. To determine the category of assessment for your proposed dam refer to the Levels of Assessment for Operational Work Table involving excavation or filling (Table 5.9.1). The following summarises the table.

Accepted if:

- (a) on Council owned or controlled land; and
- (b) undertaken by or on behalf of the Council;
- OR
- (c) on premises in the Rural Zone; and
- (d) associated with the use of premises for a rural activity.

Accepted, subject to the following requirements:

- (a) involving not more than 500m³ of material on premises in the Rural Zone; and
- (b) not associated with the use of premises for a rural activity;
- OR
- (c) involving not more than 100m³ of material if not otherwise specified.

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- (b) not associated with the use of premises for a rural activity;
- OR
- (c) involving more than 100m³ of material if not otherwise specified.

Please note: If the proposed works are going to interfere with a water course, you will need to consult the Department of Natural Resources and Mines as there may be a requirement to get approval under the Water Act 2000.

Farm Dams

A farm dam is a body of water to provide water supply for rural activities (e.g. animal keeping, horticulture). Rural activities are identified in Schedule 1 of the planning scheme. Farm dams are accepted development and do not require application to Council.

Planning Assistance

Council offers an easy to-use PD Online service which provides 24-hour access to planning and development information, including site specific search capability. The planning scheme can also be viewed online. Visit www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/planning.

Enquiries can be made between 8:15am and 4:45pm Monday to Friday by phoning 1300 79 49 29 or in person at the Hervey Bay or Maryborough Customer Service Centres.