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

Table 9.2.1: All development

| **Performance outcomes** | **Acceptable outcomes** | **Response** |
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| General |
| PO1 Development is not carried out in a wetland in a wetland protection area.  | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. | *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* |
| PO2 Development provides an adequate buffer surrounding a wetland to: 1. maintain and protect wetland environmental values; and
2. avoid adverse impacts on native vegetation within the wetland and the buffer.
 | AO2.1 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.
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| Hydrology |
| PO3 Development enhances or avoids adverse impacts on the existing surface and groundwater hydrology in a wetland protection area, and, where adverse impacts cannot be reasonably avoided, impacts are mitigated. | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. |  |
| Water quality |
| PO4 Development avoids adverse impacts to the water quality of the wetland in the wetland protection area and in the wetland buffer and where adverse impacts cannot be reasonably avoided, impacts are mitigated. | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. |  |
| PO5 Development does not use the wetland in the wetland protection area for stormwater treatment. | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. |  |
| Land degradation |
| PO6 Development avoids land degradation in the wetland protection area and, where land degradation cannot be reasonably avoided, it is mitigated. | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. |  |
| Vegetation |
| PO7 Development outside the wetland and its buffer:1. avoids impacts on category C areas of vegetation and category R areas of vegetation; or
2. minimises and mitigates impacts on category C areas of vegetation and category R areas of vegetation after demonstrating avoidance is not reasonably possible.
 | No acceptable outcome is prescribed.  |  |
| Fauna management |
| PO8 Development:1. protects wetland fauna from any impacts associated with noise, light or visual disturbance
2. protects the movement of wetland fauna within and through a wetland protection area; and
3. does not introduce pest plants, pest animals or exotic species into a wetland and its buffer.
 | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. |  |
| Matters of state environmental significance |
| PO9 Development outside the wetland:1. avoids impacts on matters of state environmental significance; or
2. minimises and mitigates impacts on matters of state environmental significance after demonstrating avoidance is not reasonably possible; and
3. provides 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.

 Note: Guidance for determining if the development will have a significant residual impact on the matter of state environmental significance is provided in the Significant Residual Impact Guideline, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, 2014. Where the significant residual impact is considered an acceptable impact on the matter of state environmental significance and an offset is considered appropriate, the offset should be delivered in accordance with the *Environmental Offsets Act 2004.* | No acceptable outcome is prescribed. |  |