

6.2.16 Open space zone code

6.2.16.1 Application

- (1) This code applies to assessing development in the Open space zone.
- (2) When using this code, reference should be made to Part 5.

6.2.16.2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Open space zone code is to provide for local, district and regional scale parks that serve the recreational needs of a wide range of residents and visitors.

Where required to meet community needs, development may include shelters, amenity facilities, picnic tables, and playgrounds and infrastructure to support safe access and essential management.

- (2) The local government purpose of the code is to recognise the importance of open space areas to the liveability, health and wellbeing of the region’s communities.
- (3) The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:
 - (a) open space is accessible to the community for a range of outdoor activities;
 - (b) a range of functional and accessible open spaces, including local, district and regional scale parks and linear corridors are available for the use and enjoyment of the community;
 - (c) structures and buildings such as shelters, amenity facilities, picnic tables and playgrounds are provided;
 - (d) open space areas are planned and designed to enhance community liveability and scenic amenity;
 - (e) development reflects and responds to the natural features and constraints of the land;
 - (f) development does not affect the operational aspects of the Port of Cairns.

6.2.16.3 Criteria for assessment

Part A - Criteria for self-assessable and assessable development

Table 6.2.16.3.a – Open space zone code – self-assessable and assessable development

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
For self-assessable and assessable development	
Height	
<p>PO1 The height of all buildings and structures is compatible with the character of the area and does not adversely affect the amenity of the area.</p> <p>Note – A visual impact assessment may be required where a proposed development exceeds the height stated in AO1.1. Planning scheme policy – Landscape values provides guidance on undertaking a visual impact assessment.</p> <p>Note – The setbacks stated in AO2.1 correspond with the height stated in AO1.1. Where a proposed development exceeds the height stated in AO1.1, the proposed development will also be assessed against PO2.</p>	<p>AO1.1 Buildings and structures are not more than 8.5 metres in height.</p> <p>Note – Height is inclusive of the roof height.</p>

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
Setback	
<p>PO2 Buildings and structures are setback to ensure that they are compatible with the amenity of the area and do not adversely affect other uses, particularly residential uses.</p>	<p>AO2.1 Buildings and structures are set back not less than 6 metres from all boundaries.</p>
<p>PO3 Car parking areas are set back from the boundaries of the site to ensure that they do not dominate the open space character of the site.</p>	<p>AO3.1 Car parking areas are set back: (a) 2 metres from the road frontage/s of the site; (b) 6 metres from side and rear boundaries.</p>
<p>PO4 Setbacks to car parking areas are landscaped to enhance the amenity of the site and to provide a buffer to adjacent residential land, residential uses and other sensitive sites.</p>	<p>AO4.1 The setback between the road frontage/s and the car parking area is landscaped in accordance with the Landscaping code.</p>
	<p>AO4.2 The setback between the boundary with land included in a Residential zone and the car parking area is landscaped in accordance with the Landscaping code to provide a buffer to the residential land.</p> <p>Note – Refer to the definition of Residential zones contained in Schedule 1.2.</p>
Outdoor sport and recreation	
<p>PO5 Development for outdoor sport and recreation does not adversely affect the amenity of the area.</p>	<p>AO5.1 Development for outdoor sport and recreation does not include sports field lighting.</p>
For assessable development	
Uses and other development	
<p>PO6 Development is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes sought for the zone.</p>	<p>AO6.1 No acceptable outcomes are provided.</p>
Site constraints	
<p>PO7 Development is located, designed, operated and managed to respond to the characteristics, features and constraints of the site and its surrounds.</p> <p>Note – Planning scheme policy – Site assessments provides guidance on identifying the characteristics, features and constraints of a site and its surrounds.</p>	<p>AO7.1 No acceptable outcomes are provided.</p>