

6.2.17 Principal centre zone code

6.2.17.1 Application

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

6.2.17.2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Principal centre zone code is to provide for the largest and most diverse mix of uses and activities that forms the core of an urban settlement.

It includes key concentrations of high-order retail, commercial, employment, residential, health services, administrative, community, cultural, recreational and entertainment activities and other uses, capable of servicing the planning scheme area.

- (2) The local government purpose of the code is to ensure development is consistent with the identified role and function of the Principal centre within the hierarchy of centres.
- (3) The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:
 - (a) the widest range of retail, commercial, administrative, community, cultural, tourism, recreation and entertainment activities are provided;
 - (b) development is well-designed and incorporates appropriately scaled art and cultural infrastructure;
 - (c) accommodation activities are provided at an appropriate scale and integrate with and enhance the vibrancy of the centre;
 - (d) development provides a high level of amenity, with a tropical design incorporating appropriate architectural elements and building features;
 - (e) public open space areas including malls, plazas, parks and gardens are provided;
 - (f) landscaping is of a high quality and contributes to the visual dominance of tropical vegetation in the streetscape;
 - (g) development maximises public transport accessibility and use, and encourages walking and cycling;
 - (h) development contributes to a vibrant, engaging and active city centre that is safe comfortable and enjoyable for pedestrians;
 - (i) development reflects and responds to the natural features and constraints of the land;
 - (j) development does not affect the operational aspects of the Port of Cairns.

6.2.17.3 Criteria for assessment

Part A - Criteria for assessable development

Table 6.2.17.3.a – Principal centre zone code – assessable development

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
For assessable development	
Uses and other development	
<p>PO1 Development is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes sought for the zone.</p>	<p>AO1.1 No acceptable outcomes are provided.</p>

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
Role and function of the Principal centre	
<p>PO2 Development reinforces the role and function of the Principal centre within the hierarchy of centres.</p> <p>Note – The role and function of the hierarchy of centres is described 3.3.2 Element – Centres and centre activities within Part 3 Strategic framework</p> <p>Note – A Centre need and impact assessment may be required to demonstrate compliance with this performance outcome.</p>	<p>AO2.1 No acceptable outcomes are provided.</p>