



# PDA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT

Mackay Regional Council (Council) is proposing to amend the Development Scheme for the Mackay Waterfront Priority Development Area (PDA). The purpose of this factsheet is to provide a summary of changes being proposed through the amendment.

## WHY IS COUNCIL AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME?

It is important for Council to undertake regular reviews of its local planning instruments and policies from time to time to ensure these documents remain workable, contemporary and fit-for-purpose. The Development Scheme commenced in May 2019 and so it is timely (i.e. 4 years from commencement) that a review is undertaken to achieve these objectives. Since the commencement of the Development Scheme, various workability and legibility matters have been identified as well as changes to improve clarity of requirements and alignment with other statutory documents.

## WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The purpose and general effect of the proposed amendment to the Development Scheme is to:

- improve the 'line of sight' between the strategic framework and development requirements,
- improve the use of strategic framework in development assessment,
- improve the legibility and workability of development requirements, specifically built form, amenity, sustainability or precinct specific requirements, or

alignment with the Mackay Region Planning Scheme 2017 for consistency,

- facilitate new opportunities to ensure the PDA remains competitive and attractive to development,
- ensure PDA accepted development categories are workable and align with other regulatory instruments,
- update the implementation strategy, and
- remove repetition or redundant content.

Further details of changes proposed in the amendment are included in Schedule 5 of the Development Scheme. The yellow highlighted text throughout the scheme document represents wording changes.

## HAVE YOUR SAY?

Council invites anyone in the community to make a submission about the proposed amendment. The public notification period will run from Monday September 4, 2023 and conclude at 5pm Wednesday October 4, 2023.

The proposed amendment can be viewed at [www.mackay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au) (search 'PDA development scheme amendment'). Submissions can be made online (via [www.mackay.com.au](http://www.mackay.com.au)), by post (Mackay Regional Council, PO Box 41, Mackay QLD 4740), or by email ([strategic.planning@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:strategic.planning@mackay.qld.gov.au)).

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