8.2.2 Aquaculture code

8.2.2.1 Application

This code applies to assessing a material change of use for development involving aquaculture.

8.2.2.2 **Purpose**

- (1) The purpose of the aquaculture code is to locate and design the use in a way which minimises the impact on surrounding uses and the environment.
- (2) The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:
 - (a) aquaculture is located and sited to ensure compatibility with the desired visual, scenic amenity and landscape character of the locality;
 - (b) is appropriately managed and does not adversely impact on water quality;
 - (c) is sited to protect the viability of known extractive resources;
 - (d) to ensure development is designed, constructed and operated to ensure liquid and solid waste does not cause environmental harm or nuisance;
 - (e) development appropriately protects the productive capacity of the land in accordance with the applicable State Planning Scheme Policies; and
 - (f) is adequately separated from sensitive land uses and existing rural activities.

8.2.2.3 Assessment benchmarks

Part A – Assessment benchmarks for assessable development

Table 8.2.2.3- Assessment benchmarks for assessable development

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
For assessable development	
Site area	
PO1 The use is located on a <i>site</i> which has sufficient area to: (a) accommodate the intensity and scale of the use, including <i>buildings</i> , pens, ponds, other structures and waste disposal areas comprising the use; and (b) adequately separate the use from <i>sensitive land uses</i> .	Where the site has a minimum area of 1 hectare AO1.1 Buildings, structures and areas associated with the use are set back a minimum of: (a) 10 metres from any road frontage; and (b) 10 metres from any side or rear boundary. Where the site has a minimum area of 100 hectares AO1.2 Buildings, structures and areas associated with the use are set back a minimum of: (a) 50 metres from any road frontage; and 10 metres from any side or rear boundary.

PO2

The scale of the use:

- (a) is consistent with the amenity expectation of the zone:
- (b) has regard to proximity to sensitive land uses.

Where the *site* has a minimum area of 1 hectare AO2.1

The *total water surface area* does not exceed 50 square metres.

AO2.2

Buildings and *structures* associated with the use do not exceed a total area of 25 square metres.

Where the *site* has a minimum area of 100 hectares

AO2.3

Buildings and structures associated with the use do not exceed a total area of 100 square metres.

AO2.4

The *total water surface area* does not exceed 5 hectares.

PO₃

Wastewater effluent and solid waste disposal does not result in an adverse impact on the environment or result in environmental harm or nuisance.

AO3.1

Wastewater is disposed of via:

- (a) collection for lawful offsite disposal; or
- (b) disposal to the reticulated sewer network.

OR

Where in the Rural zone AO3.2

Development is connected to a safe and efficient on-site waste water disposal system in accordance with Queensland, Plumbing and Wastewater Code and Australian Standard A3500.

Amenity

PO4

Buildings and structures are designed and located to protect the scenic amenity and landscape character of the locality and are:

- (a) appropriately setback, consistent with *buildings* on the site or *buildings* on adjoining premises;
- (b) constructed of materials, colours, and finishes that are sympathetic to the background environment.
- (c) not visually intrusive, or are screened to mitigate visual intrusion.

AO4.1

Above ground containment facilities and other ancillary *buildings* and *structures* comprise non-reflective exterior finishes.

AO4.2

The use and any associated buildings, structures and areas associated with the use are set back a minimum of:

- (a) 50 metres from any road frontage; and
- (b) 10 metres from any side or rear boundary.

AO4.3

A landscaped buffer with a minimum width of 2 metres is provided to the street frontage.

Environmental impacts

PO₅

Wastewater effluent and solid waste disposal does not:

- (a) adversely impact on water quality; or
- (b) result in *environmental harm* or *environmental nuisance*.

AO5.1

No acceptable outcome provided.