

FACT SHEET



Major Amendment No.1 of 2020—Nullinga Dam development area

What is the Nullinga Dam development area?

The Nullinga Dam development area is generally based on the predicted 100 per cent water level, plus 200 metre lineal buffer, of the proposed Nullinga Dam.

The Nullinga Dam development area is mapped by the Nullinga Dam Overlay (Overlay Map OM-013).

The proposed Nullinga Dam is a regionally significant water resource and will perform an essential future role by supplying irrigation and domestic water supplies to a number of communities.

In recognition of its significance, on 6 July 2020, the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning directed Council to amend the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 to protect the proposed Nullinga Dam development area.

What does the Nullinga Dam Overlay mean for development?

Development applications within the Nullinga Dam Overlay will be assessed against the Nullinga Dam Overlay Code. The code seeks to achieve:

The 'Nullinga Dam development area' is protected from development that is likely to compromise the future construction and associated structural integrity of the Nullinga Dam.

Development does not increase the number of buildings, lots and infrastructure within the 'Nullinga Dam development area' by ensuring:

(i) Land within the 'Nullinga Dam development area' is maintained in its current configuration; and

(ii) Residential and non-residential infrastructure, including cropping infrastructure is limited in size and designed to be relocatable;

Land within the 'Nullinga Dam development area' is not reconfigured to create additional lot/s situated within the 'Nullinga Dam development area';

Development does not compromise or impact on the structure, stability or geology of land within the 'Nullinga Dam development area';

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What are Overlays?

Overlays identify areas of land with particular characteristics that require special planning consideration when a development is proposed.

The characteristics may relate to natural hazards such as bushfire, flooding or landslides, a value such as Good Quality Agricultural Land, Biodiversity or Heritage, or a constraint such as proximity to an airport, quarry or major water resource (e.g. proposed Nullinga Dam).

Not all properties are affected by overlays; however, some properties may be affected by more than one (e.g. Bushfire and Landslide Overlays).

The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme provides maps that outline the impact of overlays on properties. The Planning Scheme contains specific requirements relating to each overlay that must be addressed if a development triggers an overlay.

Following Major Amendment No.1 of 2020, the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme will contain overlays for the following areas:

- Agricultural land overlay
- Airport environs overlay
- Bushfire Hazard overlay
- Environmental significance overlay
- Extractive resources overlay
- Flood Hazard overlay
- Heritage overlay
- Hill and slope overlay
- Regional infrastructure corridors and substations overlay
- Residential dwelling house and outbuilding overlay
- Scenic amenity overlay
- Transport infrastructure overlay
- Nullinga dam overlay

