

B7.2 Retaining Walls

<i>Responsible Department</i>	Executive Manager Development Services
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<i>Related Shire Documents</i>	Nil
<i>Related Legislation</i>	<i>Building Act 2011</i>

OBJECTIVE

To use a risk management process to describe when approval is required for retaining walls.

SCOPE

Applies to all proposed retaining walls.

POLICY

1. Retaining walls require a building permit if the retaining wall
 - a) Retains ground more than 500mm in height; or
 - b) If it is any height and is associated with other building work or with the protection of land adjoining the land on which the retaining wall is located; or
 - c) If it is any height and is work of a kind to which section 76, 77, 78 or 79 of the *Building Act 2011* relates (Work affecting other land that requires consent, court order or other authority).
2. A Retaining wall which requires a building permit, will also require an accompanying engineer's certification as part of the building application.