



**mb+ Operational Works -  
Accreditation model and application  
kit**



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## 1.0 Introduction

The mb+ Assessment initiative has been developed to streamline the operational works process by providing improved

- certainty of timeframes
- clarity of requirements
- processing efficiencies
- utilisation of resources

mb+ Assessment allows suitably qualified professionals to assess and set conditions for specific development applications as nominated in this Accreditation Kit. mb+ Assessment by professional consultants relies on two specific processes to be in place to ensure its efficiency. These processes are as follows:

- The development of clear standards for all nominated works based on the planning scheme and its associated codes, and adopted Council policies; and
- Creation of a system wherein Council could reasonably rely on a suitably qualified consultant's certified application and determine the Operational Works application in significantly reduced timeframes.

The aim of mb+ Assessment is to reduce timeframes and impacts on industry and Council, and to increase accountability through the utilisation of professional consultants.

## 2.0 Description of Accreditation

The Accreditation process, coupled with the clear standards and criteria, seeks to implement a more efficient mechanism for the delivery of nominated works.

The accreditation of professional consultants and consultancies is a voluntary process of being certified as meeting minimum requirements designated by an accrediting system. It provides a mechanism for Council to be able to reasonably rely on a consultant's professional qualifications. Its aim is to ensure the integrity of the process and qualify only consultants who, by reason of their expertise, experience and established integrity can be relied upon to properly use the mb+ Assessment process and to provide relevant documentation including all permits and associated reports and drawings to Council.

Applicants lodging in this way are agreeing to follow and abide by a procedure laid down by Council. Random auditing will be undertaken to assess and monitor the competence of accredited professionals.

To utilise such a process requires experience with lodging competent applications, knowledge of the *Planning Act 2016 (PA)*, familiarity with the Council's planning scheme and policies, and an established

reputation with Council that the user demonstrates high level of reliability.

To undertake mb+ Assessment, accreditation for both the individual and the firm/consultancy are required. It is critical that the individual has demonstrated the required level of expertise and experience. Equally the consultancy must demonstrate they hold the required insurance policy, as it is the firm that will ultimately take responsibility for rectifying any breaches or failures to infrastructure. Where an Accredited Consultant moves from one firm to another, the individual consultant is not required to reapply for accreditation provided they are moving from one Accredited Consultancy to another.

## 3.0 The Accreditation Kit

The Accreditation Kit contains all the relevant material to assist **consultants** and **consultancies** in obtaining accreditation and outlines Council's expectations. Outlined below are the documents contained in the Accreditation Kit:

- Accreditation Application Form for Consultants and Consultancy;
- Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy;
- Accreditation Deed for Consultant; and
- Accreditation Deed for Consultancy.

## Accreditation Application Form

The ability to qualify as an 'Accredited Consultancy' is available provided the relevant specified criteria are met. The qualifications/experience includes criteria within the following categories:

1. *Professional and Public Indemnity Insurance.* Each 'Accredited Consultancy' must have Professional and Public Indemnity Insurance to cover the provision of this service. Insurance demonstrates that the organisation and its employed/contracted consultants have met professional requirements to obtain insurance and have a business enterprise that is sufficiently robust to require financial protection. Additionally, Council may under certain circumstances, obtain access to this insurance if the individual (or organisation) were to engage in fraudulent or misleading activities.
2. *Demonstrated knowledge* by the consultant of the relevant planning scheme and provisions held therein as well as the relevant planning legislation and other legislation. This may be achieved through providing evidence of lodging a significant number of relevant applications to the Council, in a recent

timeframe that demonstrates a detailed understanding of the relevant requirements and processes relating to the assessment of development applications. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 2.1. Demonstrated identification and application of the correct codes and policies associated with the set number of applications;
- 2.2. Demonstrated identification of PA referral agencies, if any, for these set number of applications; and
- 2.3. Demonstrated identification of the correct Category of Development for these set number of applications.

### **Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/ Consultancy**

In order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Accreditation process, Guidelines have been developed that clearly articulate the roles and responsibilities of the 'Accredited Consultant/ Consultancy' and any other interested party. It is recognised that both parties (Council and the 'Accredited Consultant/Consultancy') must possess a detailed understanding of the process to guarantee its success.

The 'Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy' clearly outlines a step-by-step process which identifies:

- the requirements for the lodgement of an application under mb+ Assessment;
- the timeframe or indicative timeframe by which Council will issue an approval having relied on the accreditation;
- a probationary period where required; and
- an auditing process.

### **Accreditation Deed for Consultant and Accreditation Deed for Consultancy**

The 'Accredited Consultant/Consultancy' must agree to the terms and conditions of the process before Council can reasonably rely on their expert advice. This is achieved by documenting the roles and responsibilities of both the 'Accredited Consultant/Consultancy' and the Council, and requiring a signature of acceptance of these terms. The documents that formalise this arrangement for consultants and consultancies are titled the 'Accreditation Deed for Consultant' and 'Accreditation Deed for Consultancy' (the Deeds) and are attached in the Accreditation Kit.

The roles and responsibilities of each party participating in this Accreditation process are clearly articulated within these two Deeds. This ensures that all have a clear understanding of their role in the process and have no recourse for not following the rules set down through this process. Any non-compliance with the criteria and information provided by the Council may be grounds for removal of accreditation for both the consultant and the consultancy. Council may also undertake proceedings to have any errors by the consultant on behalf of the Consultancy rectified.

The Deeds are legally binding. It is the basis on which Council will rely on the expert advice provided by the consultant.

### **4.0 Qualifying Accredited Consultants and Consultancies**

#### **Meeting the accepted criteria to qualify as an 'Accredited Consultant and Consultancy'**

The Consultant and Consultancy is required to submit an application to Council supported by documentation demonstrating how they meet the criteria outlined by Council. If a consultant and consultancy achieves the acceptable criteria for accreditation, that consultant and consultancy will become accredited and will be able to participate in the mb+ Assessment process.

This accreditation may only apply to the specific use, report or type of nominated works that the applicant is qualified in and does not allow the consultant to assess Operational Works applications or nominated works under mb+ Assessment in which they have not demonstrated the necessary competence.

Council may outline responsibilities and impose conditions on the accreditation of a consultant and/ or consultancy. If the 'Accredited Consultant or Consultancy' breaches the terms of the accreditation, Council may remove accreditation depending on the severity of the breach.

#### **Agreeing to be bound to the guidelines and requirements of the accrediting body**

The 'Accredited Consultant and Consultancy' must sign the terms and conditions applied by the Council in the Deeds.

## 5.0 Monitoring the Process

### Monitoring the activity of Accredited Consultant and Consultancy

In order to ensure that the 'Accredited Consultant and Consultancy' are complying with requirements of the Council, a post-approval audit process may be undertaken. This post-approval audit allows Council to determine how well the process is working, any inconsistencies or issues with their criteria or process, and whether Accredited Consultants are complying with the requirements of the process

### Disciplinary action for minor breaches

Any breach is grounds for the Council to undertake a detailed assessment of all Operational Works applications lodged by the consultant and the consultancy and thus for their removal from the list of 'Accredited Consultants and Consultancies.' Council may however at its discretion, consider issues such as the severity of the alleged breach, the responsiveness of the consultant to the breach and history of the consultant and the consultancy they represent in determining an appropriate course of action. In these cases, the severity of the breach will dictate the disciplinary action to be taken. Below are five primary disciplinary actions that Council may take in order of severity (Note that the decision of what action to take resides with the Council):

- Notice to applicant for the first minor discrepancy;
- Return to a probation period for a set number of applications and subject to an extended approval timeframe;
- Removing the ability to lodge under mb+ Assessment for a set period of time (suspension);
- Cancellation of accreditation of the 'Accredited Consultant and Consultancy'; and
- Development Compliance/Enforcement action if necessary.

Council may, under certain circumstances, obtain access to the insurance of the individual (or consultancy) if they were to engage in fraudulent or misleading activities.

**Note:** that all disciplinary actions that are imposed on a particular consultant will also be imposed on the consultancy they represent. The expectation is that the participating consultancy develops their own quality assurance process regarding mb+ Assessment.

## 6.0 Glossary

### Accredited Consultant

A consultant that has demonstrated adequate competency to be considered 'accredited' for the purposes of this Accreditation process, the accreditation is valid for an individual consultant whilst under the employment of their current consultancy. In the event of the consultant ceasing employment with the Accredited Consultancy the accreditation shall be suspended or removed unless the consultant is moving to a consultancy that also has the required accreditation.

### Accredited Consultancy

A consultancy that has demonstrated sufficient insurances to be considered 'accredited' for the purposes of this Accreditation process, the accreditation is valid for a consultancy whilst an Accredited Consultant is under their employment. In the event of the consultant ceasing employment with the Accredited Consultancy or the Accredited Consultancy's inability to demonstrate sufficient insurance, the accreditation shall be suspended or removed.

### DA

Development Assessment Rules; refer to section 68 of the Planning Act 2016.

### PA

Planning Act 2016 (formerly the Sustainable Planning Act 2009)

## 7.0 Relevant legislation

Planning Act 2016 (Qld) (PA)

Planning Regulation 2017 (Qld) (PR)

Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld) (SPA)

Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld) (IPA)

Local Government Act 1993 (Qld) (LGA)

Available for viewing at:

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au>

## Appendix A - Accreditation Kit

A consultant applying for accreditation is required to complete and submit the four forms included within the Operational Works accreditation and application kit.

A1: Accreditation Application Form

A2: Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy

A3: Accreditation Deed for Consultant

A4: Accreditation Deed for Consultancy

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**mb+ Operational works accreditation-  
A1 Accreditation application form**



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**Consultancy details:**

Name of Consultancy

Postal address:

Work/Business phone:

Email:

**Nominated infrastructure applying for:**

**Road works**

*Limitations: Urban/minor roads only. Not intersections to existing roads or works on trunk road to be included under **mb+ Assessment**.*

**Drainage**

*Limitations: Up to 600mm diameter pipes. Any larger infrastructure will not be included under **mb+ Assessment**.*

**Stormwater quality**

*Limitations: As agreed with Council and require additional assessment.*

**Earthworks**

*Limitations: As agreed with Council outside of the flood hazard overlay map.*

**Erosion and sediment control**

*Limitations: As agreed with Council.*

**Note:** Landscaping, park, electrical and works within medium or high risk flood hazard overlay are not eligible for **mb+ Assessment**.

To qualify for Accreditation for mb+ Assessment, copies of the following **must** be submitted and complied with:

Professional Indemnity Insurance to the value of \$5,000,000 from an insurer and on terms acceptable to Council;

Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20,000,000 from an insurer and on terms acceptable to Council;

Any other insurance required by law, from an insurer and on terms acceptable to Council; and

The insurance policies held and maintained by the consultancy must cover the acts or omissions of the individual consultant.

For the above a copy of the insurance policy outlining the insured amount, policy provider and policy number, date of commencement and expiry date of policy and signed Terms and Conditions of Accreditation (TCA) is to be submitted.

Name of Director:

Signature of Director:

Date

**Consultant details:**

Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss

Full name:

Work/Business phone:

Mobile:

Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) number

**Nominated infrastructure applying for:**

**Road works**

*Limitations: Urban/minor roads only. Not intersections to existing roads or works on trunk road to be included under **mb+ Assessment**.*

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**Note:** Landscaping, park, electrical and works within medium or high risk flood hazard overlay are not eligible for **mb+ Assessment**.

To qualify for accreditation for mb+ Assessment the following must be submitted and complied with:

1. An applicant should submit a covering letter which, includes example applications and explicitly outlines the following:
  - a. Applicable Council codes/standards/policies
  - b. Applicable State Planning Regulatory Provisions
  - c. Applicable State Planning Policies
  - d. Applicable Australian Standards
  - e. State Referral Agencies who and what trigger
  - f. A summary outline of the proposal and what the main or significant issues with the application and how they were resolved
  - g. Outline what all the necessary supporting information and reports that were required to approve the development
  - h. Resumes detailing relevant experience and qualifications of assigned personnel
  - i. Signed Terms and Conditions of Accreditation (TCA)
2. Provide examples of three (3) applications (per Operational Works type) lodged and approved within the last 18 months of applying for accreditation.

Signature of Consultant

Date

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## Process following accreditation

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An initial one-on-one session with the Council officer coordinating mb+ Assessment will occur following accreditation to:

- Introduce the Accredited Consultant(s) to the standards and criteria
- Reaffirm general expectations and
- Discuss queries from the Accredited Consultant(s).

It is the responsibility of the Accredited Consultant following the assessment of an application to submit the necessary information to Council to allow issuing of development permits. Council will endeavour to issue a development permit within 5 business days.

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## Contact

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Council's Development Services team may be contacted on the details below:

Telephone: (07) 3205 0555

Email: [mbrc@moretonbay.qld.gov.au](mailto:mbrc@moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

mb+ Assessment standards and criteria and additional information are available on Council's website: [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

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### **Privacy statement**

*Moreton Bay Regional Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose of development application services. The collection of this information is authorised under Planning Act 2016 (Qld). Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission or we are required by law.*





**Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy:**

The purpose of this practice Guidelines is to inform the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy of the operational nature of mb+ Assessment.

This approach offers an opportunity to advance partnerships, assist in delivering services to the community, and provide an innovative approach to service delivery. The process offers a means of fostering a stronger relationship with industry colleagues by quickly deciding applications considered straightforward. It achieves this by effectively allowing Council to rely upon information from an Accredited Consultant/Consultancy, whilst retaining the decision making powers, thus avoiding any duplication of effort. In terms of benefits to industry, it is envisaged that the application assessment period will be significantly reduced, and the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy is more closely involved in the development process.

The Accredited Consultant/Consultancy is responsible for the following:

- Preparing reports that addresses the relevant policies/standards/codes;
- Collating all necessary specialist reports to support the proposal;
- Providing any necessary referral agency responses;
- Providing all necessary standard approval conditions;
- Lodging applications with Council;
- mb+ Assessment application check sheet.

The Accredited Consultant/Consultancy will not be responsible for the following:

- Issuing Operational Works Permits.

Council will endeavour to issue an Operational Works Permit within 5 business days of lodgement.

**Note:** mb+ Assessment transfers responsibility to the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy to ensure supporting reports and plans are accurate and contain sufficient detail as would otherwise be required by Council for review. If issues arise in future, Council may take legal steps against the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy to rectify the issue or matter.

The Consultant and Consultancy must sign a Deed of Agreement with Council, which confirms the roles and responsibilities of the Accredited Consultant/s and is the basis on which Council and the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy will participate in the mb+ Assessment process.

**The mb+ Assessment process is outlined below:**

**Operational Works**

**Stage 1 - Accredited Consultants**

- Consultant and Consultancy complete Accreditation Kit including Deeds of Agreement
- Council nominates conditions of an approval or by written agreement to confirm the certification of the Accredited mb+ Consultant

**Stage 2 - Design and assessment**

- Pre-design meeting between Council and Accredited Consultants to confirm what operational works types are to be assessed using mb+ Assessment and confirmation of applicable Council standards and design requirements
- Accredited Consultant prepares designs and reports. The Accredited Consultants are required and entrusted with the responsibility to engage and obtain any necessary reports. If the application triggers a referral to an external agency in accordance with the regulation, it is the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy's responsibility to liaise with and obtain letters of requirements and incorporate any subsequent conditions.

- Accredited Consultant/Consultancy lodges complete and assessed application with Council.
- Council will endeavour to decide the application within 5 business days upon receiving an application that meets the following criteria:
  - The application is Properly Made (inclusive of DA Forms, applicable fees and portable long service levy);
  - Is supported by the necessary specialist reports;
  - Includes referral agency responses;
  - The conditions package attached to the Operational Works application;
  - Clear identification of conditions and
  - Any other material that has been used in order to determine the application.

**Probation program**

The probation period is generally for the first three (3) applications lodged as part of the mb+ Assessment process. Under probation, Council will undertake an audit of the application prior to its approval. The probation program is to provide Council and the consultant with an understanding of the mb+ Assessment process. The decision timeframes during the probation period will be longer to allow for Council audits and reviews.

**Auditing**

Auditing will be performed by Council, at the Council's discretion, to assess the adequacy of the process and the performance of the individual consultants.

Council may contact the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy during the audit process for information or assistance.

**Miscellaneous**

Any omissions, errors or misdirection's will be discussed with the consultant and are grounds for removal from the mb+ Assessment process. Council may also undertake legal steps to rectify said errors or misdirections.

All standard templates, forms, criteria and conditions will be provided to the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy and can also be obtained from the Development Services team.

**Declaration**

I *(insert name)*

are employed by *insert employer/company below*

with the ACN of

I have read the above and agree to adhere to the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy.

Signature:

Date:

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**Made as a Deed**

This Deed is made on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
between

Moreton Bay Regional Council  
2 Hasking Street, Caboolture  
P.O Box 159  
Caboolture QLD 4510  
(‘Moreton Bay Regional Council’)

and

Consultant's name:

Consultant's address:

As an employee or contractor of (insert Accredited Consultancy name):

with the ACN of

(“Accredited Consultant”)  
in relation to the Accredited Consultant performing mb+ Assessment services for Moreton Bay Regional Council.

**Recitals**

- A. The Accredited Consultant as an employee or contractor of the Accredited Consultancy wishes to provide mb+ Assessment Services under the mb+ Assessment process to Moreton Bay Regional Council.
- B. The Moreton Bay Regional Council requires the Accredited Consultant to undertake to preserve and maintain the confidentiality of certain information relevant to those services.
- C. The process and services relevant to the mb+ Assessment Services are set out in the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy.
- D. The Development Services Manager is authorised to sign this Deed on behalf of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

**Terms and conditions**

**1. Definitions and interpretation**

The following terms shall have the following meaning for the purpose of this Deed.

‘**Accredited Consultant**’ is the individual considered ‘accredited’ for the purposes of mb+ Assessment. The individual consultant must demonstrate the required level of expertise and experience to obtain accreditation.

‘**Accredited Consultancy**’ means the body corporate named in the Accreditation Application Form completed by the Accredited Consultant for the Accreditation Process.

‘**Accreditation Process**’ means the process and assessment procedures for becoming an Accredited Consultant, as specified by the Moreton Bay Regional Council and which has been completed by the Accredited Consultancy.

‘**Authorised User**’ has the meaning given to that term by the Trade Marks Act 1995 (Cth)

‘**Confidential Information**’ means the confidential information of the Moreton Bay Regional Council and includes any documents or information provided by the Moreton Bay Regional Council: (a) that are marked as confidential; (b) that are provided by the Moreton Bay Regional Council under circumstances or communications that are confidential; or (c) which the Accredited Consultant ought to know are confidential but (in respect of any of the information in (a), (b), and (c) of this definition), does not include any information that is or becomes part of the public domain, other than as a result of a breach of an obligation of confidence or any information that is required to be disclosed by law.

‘**Deed**’ means this Accreditation Deed

‘**Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy**’ means the guidelines titled Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/ Consultancy which are attached to this Deed, as amended by the Moreton Bay Regional Council from time to time.

‘**Intellectual Property Rights**’ means all intellectual and industrial property rights and interests in Australia and throughout the world, whether registered or unregistered and whether created before, on or after the date of the Deed, including trademarks, designs patents, inventions, circuit layouts, copyright and analogous rights, confidential information, know how trade secrets and all other Intellectual Property Rights’.

‘**List of Accredited Consultants**’ means the list of Accredited Consultants as from time to time may be published by the Moreton Bay Regional Council and in the manner of publication or disclosure determined by the Moreton Bay Regional Council.

‘**Operational Works**’ has the same meaning as given to it under the *Planning Act 2016 (Qld)*.

‘**mb+ Assessment Service**’ means the Third Party Accredited Consultant Development Assessment services, which the Moreton Bay Regional Council specifies from time to time including, but not limited to, preparation and

lodgement of mb+ compliant development applications up to 'on maintenance.'

'Term' means the term of this Deed, as determined by clause 5.1.

## **2. Accredited Consultants' obligations**

**2.1.** The Accredited Consultant hereby represents and warrants to the Moreton Bay Regional Council, and it is a condition of this Deed that the Accredited Consultant:

**2.1.1.** provided information to the Moreton Bay Regional Council during the Accreditation Process that was true, accurate and correct and will continue to provide information during its performance of the mb+ Assessment process that is true, accurate and correct;

**2.1.2.** has disclosed to the Moreton Bay Regional Council the locations of all the Accredited Consultant's business premises;

**2.1.3.** will immediately inform the Moreton Bay Regional Council in writing of any changes to the Accredited Consultant's employment by the Accredited Consultancy, and any other information provided or disclosed by the Accredited Consultant during the Accreditation Process;

**2.1.4.** will keep itself informed of any changes made by the Moreton Bay Regional Council to the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/ Consultancy

**2.1.5.** will carry out mb+ Assessment Services safely, securely and in a professional manner;

**2.1.6.** will carry out the mb+ Assessment Services in accordance with the standards specified by the Moreton Bay Regional Council from time to time including in the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy and as required by law; and

**2.1.7.** will comply with the lawful advice and directions of the Moreton Bay Regional Council made in connection with the mb+ Assessment Process.

**2.2.** Other than as expressly set out in this Deed, this Deed does not licence, assign or transfer to the Accredited Consultant any Intellectual Property Rights of the Moreton Bay Regional Council or any goodwill in the same.

**2.3.** The Accredited Consultant acknowledges that benefits, rights and privileges attached to the accreditation of the Accredited Consultant are limited to the type of use the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy is qualified and demonstrates competency in, as determined by the Moreton Bay Regional Council (e.g. Industrial, Residential, Reconfiguring a Lot etc.). The Accredited Consultant must not perform any mb+ Assessment Services that, in the opinion of Moreton Bay Regional Council, fall outside the limitations of the accreditation of the Accredited Consultant.

**2.4.** The Accredited Consultant acknowledges that any non-compliance with or breach by the Accredited Consultant of the Guidelines for the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy or the terms of this Deed in the conduct or operation of mb+ Assessment Services by the Accredited Consultant for or on behalf of Moreton Bay Regional Council will provide the

Moreton Bay Regional Council with the option to elect to immediately cancel the accreditation of both the Accredited Consultant and the Accredited Consultancy.

**2.5.** The Accredited Consultancy indemnifies the Moreton Bay Regional Council from and against any claim, (including but not limited to claims based in negligence), loss or damage suffered or incurred by the Moreton Bay Regional Council arising from or in connection with the Third Party Assessment Services performed by the Accredited Consultancy or by an Accredited Consultant employed or contracted by the Accredited Consultancy who undertook the Third Party Assessment Services, (including but not limited to claims by third parties).

**2.6.** The Accredited Consultant must not provide or disclose any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Moreton Bay Regional Council. If the Accredited Consultant becomes aware of an unauthorised disclosure of any Confidential Information, it must immediately inform the Moreton Bay Regional Council of the disclosure. These provisions shall not restrict the Accredited Consultant from:

**2.6.1.** Disclosing information to third parties (including its sub-consultants or sub-contractors) which is necessary for the performance of Services provided that any such disclosure is on terms which include a confidentiality clause identifiable to the Accredited Consultant's obligations under this Clause; and/or

**2.6.2.** Disclosing the information to its insurance broker, legal representatives and financial or accounting advisors to the extent required for the day to day running of the Accredited Consultant's business or making or defending a claim either under an insurance policy or in court proceedings.

### **Clause 2.6 survives termination or expiry of this Deed.**

**2.7.** The terms of the Guidelines for the Accredited Consultant/ Consultancy form part of the terms of this Deed. In the event of inconsistency, the terms of this Deed shall prevail over the terms of the Guidelines for the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy to the extent of the inconsistency.

## **3. Moreton Bay Regional Council's obligations**

**3.1.** Subject to the terms of this Deed, the Moreton Bay Regional Council shall:

**3.1.1.** carry out the mb+ Assessment Process with due care and skill; and

**3.1.2.** promptly after the execution of this Deed, add the name of the Accredited Consultant to the List of Accredited Consultants (for clarity, the name of the Accredited Consultant may be removed from that list in accordance with this Deed).



3.2. The Accredited Consultant acknowledges and agrees that:

3.2.1. it has not relied on any statement, representation, warranty, conduct or undertaking made or given by the Moreton Bay Regional Council or any person on its behalf; and

3.2.2. it has relied on its own skill and judgment in agreeing to enter into this Deed.

3.3. The Moreton Bay Regional Council is not liable to pay to the mb+ Consultant any fees, expenses or other costs in connection with the Accreditation Process, the mb+ Assessment Services or for any other work performed by the Accredited Consultant in connection with this Deed.

#### 4. Suspension and/or removal

4.1. The Accredited Consultant agrees that the Moreton Bay Regional Council may, by notice in writing to the Accredited Consultant and/or the Accredited Consultancy, suspend the right of the Accredited Consultant to perform the mb+ Assessment Services if, in the opinion of Moreton Bay Regional Council:

4.1.1. the Accredited Consultant fails to: (a) maintain the relevant level of professional body membership and professional indemnity insurance required by the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy; or (b) provide the Moreton Bay Regional Council with evidence (including certificates of currency and policy schedules) of that insurance within one business day of the Moreton Bay Regional Council requesting such evidence;

4.1.2. the Accredited Consultant has breached any of its obligations and/or warranties in clause 2;

4.1.3. the Moreton Bay Regional Council becomes aware by whatever means of any fraud perpetrated, or allegedly perpetrated by the Accredited Consultant, or

4.1.4. the Accredited Consultant ceases to be employed or otherwise engaged by the Accredited Consultancy.

4.2. The Accredited Consultant must cease providing mb+ Assessment Services on and from the date of suspension and for the period of time specified in the notice given by the Moreton Bay Regional Council under clause 4.1 above, or if no date is specified in that notice, immediately upon receipt of that notice by the Accredited Consultant.

4.3. The Moreton Bay Regional Council may remove the name of the Accredited Consultant from the List of Accredited Consultants during the period of any suspension under this Clause 4.

#### 5. Expiry and Termination

5.1. This Deed commences on the date that it is signed by both parties and continues for a period of five years, unless terminated earlier (including but not limited to termination under clauses 5.2 and 5.3 below).

5.2. The Moreton Bay Regional Council may by notice in writing to the Accredited Consultant and/or the Accredited Consultancy, immediately terminate this Deed if:

5.2.1. the Moreton Bay Regional Council determines that it is not reasonable for the Accredited Consultant to remain accredited because of the nature or

extent of conduct which led to the Moreton Bay Regional Council issuing a notice to the Accredited Consultant under Clause 4.1 above;

5.2.2. the Accredited Consultant breaches any of the terms of this Deed, including any failure to comply with the Accredited Consultant's obligations or warranties in Clause 2; or

5.2.3. The Accredited Consultant becomes the subject of any insolvency, bankruptcy or winding-up proceedings of any kind (as determined by the Moreton Bay Regional Council).

5.3. The Moreton Bay Regional Council may terminate this Deed for convenience (for any reason or for no reason) by giving no less than 60 days' notice to the Accredited Consultant.

5.4. In exercising any of its rights under clause 5, the Moreton Bay Regional Council has no obligation to consider the impact of the termination on the Accredited Consultant and has no liability to the Accredited Consultant for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by the Accredited Consultant as a result of the termination.

#### 6. Effect of Suspension, Termination and Completion of Term

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In witness hereof the parties hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

**Signed, sealed and delivered by**

Signature of Council representative:

Name of Council representative:

Date:

**Signed, sealed and delivered by**

Signature of Accredited Consultant:

Name of Accredited Consultant:

Date:



# mb+ Operational Works Accreditation- A3 - Accreditation Deed for Consultancy



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## Made as a Deed

This Deed is made on the \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

between

Moreton Bay Regional Council  
2 Hasking Street, Caboolture  
P.O Box 159  
Caboolture QLD 4510  
(‘Moreton Bay Regional Council’)

and

Consultancy  
name:

Consultancy  
address:

with the ACN of

(“Accredited Consultancy”)

in relation to the Accredited Consultancy performing mb+ Assessment services for Moreton Bay Regional Council.

## Recitals

- A. The Accredited Consultancy has successfully completed the Accreditation Process and now wishes to provide mb+ Assessment Services to the Moreton Bay Regional Council, including admission to the List of Accredited Consultants.
- B. The Moreton Bay Regional Council requires the Accredited Consultancy to undertake to preserve and maintain the confidentiality of certain information relevant to those services.
- C. The process and services relevant to the mb+ Assessment Services are set out in the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy.
- D. The Development Services Manager is authorised to sign this Deed on behalf of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

## Terms and conditions

### 1. Definitions and interpretation

The following terms shall have the following meaning for the purpose of this Deed.

‘Accredited Consultant’ is the individual considered ‘accredited’ for the purposes of mb+ Assessment. The individual consultant must demonstrate the required level of expertise and experience to obtain accreditation.

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‘Accreditation Process’ means the process and assessment procedures for becoming an Accredited Consultant, as specified by the Moreton Bay Regional Council and which has been completed by the Accredited Consultancy.

‘Authorised User’ has the meaning given to that term by the Trade Marks Act 1995 (Cth)

‘Confidential Information’ means the confidential information of the Moreton Bay Regional Council and includes any documents or information provided by the Moreton Bay Regional Council: (a) that are marked as confidential; (b) that are provided by the Moreton Bay Regional Council under circumstances or communications that are confidential; or (c) which the Accredited Consultant ought to know are confidential but (in respect of any of the information in (a), (b), and (c) of this definition, does not include any information that is or becomes part of the public domain, other than as a result of a breach of an obligation of confidence or any information that is required to be disclosed by law.

‘Deed’ means this Accreditation Deed

‘Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy’ means the guidelines titled ‘Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy’ which are attached to this Deed, as amended by the Moreton Bay Regional Council from time to time.

‘Intellectual Property Rights’ means all intellectual and industrial property rights and interests in Australia and throughout the world, whether registered or unregistered and whether created before on or after the date of this Deed, including trademarks, designs patents, inventions, circuit layouts, copyright and analogous rights, confidential information, know how trade secrets and all other Intellectual Property Rights.

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‘Operational Works’ has the same meaning as given to it under the *Planning Act 2016 (Qld)*.

‘mb+ Assessment Service’ means the Third Party Accredited Consultant Development Assessment services, which Moreton Bay Regional Council specifies from time to time including, but not limited to, the preparation of mb+ Accredited Consultant Development applications including but not limited to the following: stormwater quality, vegetation management, road works etc.

‘Term’ means the term of this Deed, as determined by clause 5.1.



## 2. Accredited Consultancy's obligations

- 2.1. The Accredited Consultancy hereby represents and warrants to the Moreton Bay Regional Council, and it is a condition of this Deed that the Accredited Consultancy:
- 2.1.1. provided information to the Moreton Bay Regional Council during the Accreditation Process that was true accurate and correct and will continue to provide information during its performance of the mb+ Assessment Services that is true, accurate and correct;
  - 2.1.2. has disclosed to the Moreton Bay Regional Council the locations of all the Accredited Consultancy's business premises;
  - 2.1.3. will immediately inform the Moreton Bay Regional Council in writing of any changes to the Accredited Consultancy's business address/es; business, company or trading name/s and any other information provided or disclosed by the Accredited Consultancy during the Accreditation Process;
  - 2.1.4. will keep itself informed of any changes made by the Moreton Bay Regional Council to the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/Consultancy.
  - 2.1.5. will carry out mb+ Assessment Services safely, securely and in a professional manner
  - 2.1.6. will carry out the mb+ Assessment Services in accordance with the standards specified by the Moreton Bay Regional Council from time to time including in the Guidelines for Accredited Consultant/ Consultancy and as required by law; and
  - 2.1.7. will comply with the lawful advice and directions of the Moreton Bay Regional Council made in connection with the mb+ Assessment Services.
- 2.2. Other than as expressly set out in this Deed, this Deed does not licence, assign or transfer to the Accredited Consultancy any Intellectual Property Rights of the Moreton Bay Regional Council or any goodwill in the same.
- 2.3. The Accredited Consultancy acknowledges that benefits, rights and privileges attached to the accreditation of the Accredited Consultancy are limited to the type of use the Accredited Consultancy is qualified and demonstrates competency in, as determined by the Moreton Bay Regional Council (e.g. Industrial, Residential, Reconfiguring a Lot etc.). The Accredited Consultancy must not perform any mb+ Assessment Services that, in the opinion of the Moreton Bay Regional Council, fall outside the limitations of the accreditation of the Accredited Consultancy.
- 2.4. The Accredited Consultancy acknowledges that any non-compliance with or breach by the Accredited Consultancy of Guidelines for the Accredited Consultant/Consultancy or the terms of this Deed in the conduct or operation of mb+ Assessment Services by the Accredited Consultancy for or on behalf of the Moreton Bay Regional Council will provide the Moreton Bay Regional Council with the option to elect to immediately cancel the accreditation of both the Accredited Consultant employed or contracted by the Accredited Consultancy who undertook the Assessment Services.
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- 2.5.1. take out and maintain from a reputable insurance company, professional indemnity insurance that applies to the performance of mb+ Assessment Services by the Accredited Consultancy (whether performed by employees or contractors of the Accredited Consultancy) for an amount of cover of no less than \$5 million per claim and
  - 2.5.2. take out and maintain from a reputable insurance company, public liability insurance that applies to the performance of the mb+ Assessment Services by the Accredited Consultancy for an amount of cover no less than \$20 million per occurrence and,
  - 2.5.3. provide the Moreton Bay Regional Council with a copy of the certificate of currency and policy schedule of each of the insurance policies referred to in clauses 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 and
- 2.6. Without limiting the insurance obligations of the Accredited Consultancy under clause 4.1.1, the Accredited Consultancy must:
- 2.6.1. maintain the insurance policies referred to in clauses 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 during the Term and for a period of no less than seven years from the later to occur of:
    - 2.6.1.1. the termination or expiry of this Deed; or
    - 2.6.1.2. the Accredited Consultancy providing the Moreton Bay Regional Council with the final deliverable that the Accredited Consultancy is required by the Moreton Bay Regional Council to provide in connection with this Deed
  - 2.6.2. upon request, provide the Moreton Bay Regional Council with up-to-date copies of the certificate of currency and policy schedule of the insurance policies referred to in clause 2.6.1.
- Clause 2.6 survives termination or expiry of this Deed.**
- 2.7. The Accredited Consultancy indemnifies the Moreton Bay Regional Council from and against any claim, (including but not limited to claims based in negligence), loss or damage suffered or incurred by the Moreton Bay Regional Council arising from or in connection with the Third Party Assessment Services performed by the Accredited Consultancy or by an Accredited Consultant employed or contracted by the Accredited Consultancy who undertook the Third Party Assessment Services, (including but not limited to claims by third parties).
- 2.8. The Accredited Consultancy must not provide or disclose any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Moreton Bay Regional Council. If the Accredited Consultancy becomes aware of an unauthorised disclosure of any Confidential Information, it must immediately inform the Moreton Bay Regional Council of the disclosure. These provisions shall not restrict the Accredited Consultancy from:
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**3. Moreton Bay Regional Council's obligations**

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**3.2.2.** it has relied on its own skill and judgment in agreeing to enter into this Deed.

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**4. Suspension and/or removal**

- 4.1.** The Accredited Consultancy agrees that the Moreton Bay Regional Council may, by notice in writing to the Accredited Consultancy suspend the right of the Accredited Consultancy to perform the mb+ Assessment Services if, in the opinion of Moreton Bay Regional Council:

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