



## 7. Filling and Excavation

Note – These Merit Outcomes do not apply to Carrying Out Building Work

<b>MO7.1</b>	Alteration of <u>ground level</u> is minimised to the greatest extent practical, with preference given to development that uses the natural topography of the <u>site</u> .
<b>MO7.2</b>	Filling and excavation minimise the number, height and extent of retaining walls.
<b>MO7.3</b>	Filling and excavation maintains ground stability and does not increase the potential for land slips.
<b>MO7.4</b>	Filling and excavation does not result in the creation of earthworks features (such as retaining walls and batters) that negatively impact on the character of the local area or the amenity of an on-site, adjoining or nearby land use.
<b>MO7.5</b>	The need to import or export fill as part of earthworks is minimised, with preference given to balanced earthworks (where importing or exporting is not required).
<b>MO7.6</b>	Filling and excavation avoids, or otherwise minimises, silt runoff to ensure the protection of The Great Barrier Reef.