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Q1	Select the chapter you want to provide feedback on	
	Earthworks	
Q2	In general, to what extent do you support the contents of this chapter?	
	Agree	
Q3	Objective/Policy/Rule/Standard reference:	
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Q4	Feedback/Comments	
	<p>Consideration could be given to earthworks in relation to retaining walls constructed on/or adjacent to relevant boundaries.</p> <p>Currently the Building Act and building code exempt retaining walls from consent provided they are not higher than 1.5m or support a surcharge. If there is an empty section next door when the retaining wall is constructed there is no surcharge so the wall is not designed to take additional surcharge loading.</p> <p>However at a later point a house could be constructed close to the boundary, it would then impose a surcharge on the wall. So that means that the house must be designed to not surcharge the wall-adding additional cost to homeowner.</p> <p>Some Councils such as QLDC have provisions in the earthworks to capture this as it falls between the cracks. Thought it may be worth considering-happy to discuss further.</p>	
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