



## Gladstone Ports Corporation

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### **Invitation for Public Comment Publication of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 103(1)(c) of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (GPC) is seeking approval to progress the Port of Gladstone Gatcombe and Golding Cutting Channel Duplication Project (EPBC Act Ref: 2012/6558), which seeks to duplicate the existing Gatcombe and Golding Cutting shipping channel, disposal of dredge spoil to land reclamation, and upgrade associated infrastructure in the Port of Gladstone, Queensland.

#### **THE PROCESS**

On 23 October 2012, the Australian Government Minister for the Environment declared the Project as a 'controlled action' (EPBC Act Ref: 2012/6558) under the EPBC Act. Comments are invited in accordance with Section 103(1)(c) of the EPBC Act. The relevant controlling provisions (Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)) under the EPBC Act are:

- World Heritage properties (Sections 12 & 15A)
- National Heritage places (Sections 15B & 15C)
- Listed threatened species and communities (Sections 18 & 18A)
- Listed migratory species (Sections 20 & 20A)
- Commonwealth marine areas (Sections 23 & 24A)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Sections 24B & 24C)

This Project is a coordinated project requiring a separate, but parallel, assessment under Section 26(1) (a) of the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971. To make a submission for the Queensland Government process please visit [www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/gladstonechannel](http://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/gladstonechannel).

#### **MAKING A SUBMISSION**

The Draft EIS report for the Project is available for public display for a period of 30 business days from Monday 8th April to Thursday 23rd May 2019 at each of the following locations:

- GPC Gladstone Office – 40 Goonoon Street, Gladstone, Queensland
- Gladstone City Library – 39 Goonoon Street, Gladstone, Queensland
- State Library of Queensland – Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane, Queensland
- Department of the Environment and Energy – Canberra (email the Department at [epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au) to arrange a time for viewing).

An electronic copy of the document is also available at <https://www.gpcl.com.au/development/channel-duplication-project>. A digital copy on USB is also available upon request from the proponent.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to comment in writing on the published material and should be direct to: Attention to: Channel Duplication Project, Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited, PO Box 259, Gladstone Queensland 4680 or [geninfo@gpcl.com.au](mailto:geninfo@gpcl.com.au).

If you have special needs and require assistance in accessing material or would like to request the digital version, please contact GPC by phoning 1800 243 472 or emailing [geninfo@gpcl.com.au](mailto:geninfo@gpcl.com.au).

**The deadline for submissions is 5pm (AEST) on Thursday 23 May 2019.**