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## **BOYNE RIVER MAINTENANCE WORK DELAYS**

Inclement weather has significantly impacted the restoration of the navigational channel into the Boyne River, resulting in delays in the delivery of the project.

Since material removal work began in mid-February, weather has prevented activity on 28 days, with wind gusts of up to 70km/h and significant rain falls.

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) CEO Peter O’Sullivan said current conditions are continuing to hinder restoration efforts.

“The Queensland coast is currently being battered by heavy rain and strong winds, with Maritime Safety Queensland closing ports at Hay Point and Abbot Point,” Mr O’Sullivan said.

“The poor weather is not expected to clear over the next few days.

“The safety of those working on the barge is the priority as well as ensuring we minimise any potential impact on the surrounding environment.”

The delay in work will not impact the Boyne Tannum HookUp, with neap tides forecasted during the three day event.

“With neap tides over the HookUp weekend, this will provide safe access for small craft,” Mr O’Sullivan said.

Work to remove material from the 15 metre wide channel remains a priority for GPC and will continue as soon as the weather conditions allow.

The Boyne River project is funded by the Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

## **ENDS**

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