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TIDAL TURBINE TRIAL IN GLADSTONE

Queensland's largest trading port is breaking new ground in the renewables space, after gaining approval for a tidal energy demonstration.

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) has partnered with MAKO Tidal Turbines Pty Ltd (MAKO) to investigate how tidal flows at the Port of Gladstone can be harnessed to produce electricity.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said it is the first demonstration of its kind in Australian tropical waters using port infrastructure.

"We are excited to see how government owned Port of Gladstone can work with MAKO to harness tidal energy and potentially contribute to Queensland's energy mix," Minister Bailey said.

Energy Minister Anthony Lynham said, "Queensland already is setting the pace on renewable energy via solar, wind and hydro.

"This very well could be another string to our bow."

GPC has already delved into the world of renewable energy, with a solar demonstration trial late last year.

GPC CEO Peter O'Sullivan said the Corporation is committed to energy efficiency and long-term sustainability.

"These initiatives are just the start of our renewable energy journey," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"We are excited to be partnering with MAKO to demonstrate the turbine's capabilities, particularly within a port environment."

The tidal turbine will be installed at the Port of Gladstone's Barney Point Terminal during the next two months.

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