

## Technical Advisory Consultative Committee Meeting – Port of Bundaberg

**Tuesday 17 June 2025**

**Attendees:** Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)  
Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR)  
Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI)  
DESI Aquatic Threatened Species Unit (ATSU)  
Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG)  
Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce (BCC)  
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF)  
Department of State Development & Infrastructure (DSDIP)

**Apologies:** Nil

**Location:** Teams Meeting

Item	Description	Action Required By
Meeting Open	<b>Meeting opened at 08:30am by Chairperson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to country</li> <li>Attendees and Apologies (listed)</li> <li>Conflicts of Interest (none)</li> <li>Agenda overview</li> </ul>	Nil
Actions from previous meeting	Nil	Nil
TOR Update	A recap was provided of the Terms of Reference (TOR), which is available on the GPC website, at <a href="http://www.gpcl.com.au/tacc">www.gpcl.com.au/tacc</a>	Nil
TACC Role	<p>Technical Advisory Consultative Committee (TACC) is a maintenance dredging consultative group, comprising recognised stakeholder organisations, not individuals.</p> <p>The TACC role and responsibilities can be found at <a href="http://www.gpcl.com.au/tacc">www.gpcl.com.au/tacc</a></p>	Nil
LMDMP status update	<p>Long Term Maintenance Dredging Management Plan (LMDMP) aligns with the Maintenance Dredging Strategy and Long-Term Maintenance Dredging Management Plan Guidelines.</p> <p>TACC have been a key stakeholder in the review of the LMDMP. The LMDMP framework is a robust framework for managing maintenance dredging in Queensland and ensures application of best practice and continuous improvement principles. The LMDMP once implemented is reviewed at least every five (5) years and TACC will be involved in this process.</p>	Nil

Operational Update	<p>Maintenance dredging was conducted 22nd April 2025 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 (10 days) with 108,305m<sup>3</sup> removed and placed at the Offshore Material Relocation Area (MRA).</p> <p>Nil incidents, nil complaints and nil non-conformances reported.</p> <p>Next schedule dredging will be March – May 2026 using offshore MRA over a 10-day period and +90,000m<sup>3</sup> maintenance dredging.</p> <p>Potential for swing basin maintenance dredging to on-shore MRA using a Cutter Suction Dredge (CSD).</p> <p><b>Question:</b> DESI – Will swing basing dredging to on-shore MRA be conducted during turtle exclusion period and how will this be managed?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Dredging with land placement to the on-shore MRA uses a CSD which is limited by movement. This is reflected in the approval where there is no turtle exclusion period imposed.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> DSDIP – What are GPC's intention in regards to maintaining design depths to facilitate 3<sup>rd</sup> party trade?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Under sustainable sediment management principles, we avoid dredging when we can. This means sometimes not dredging to full design depths if we can manage shipping draft requirements. If required, we will dredge areas to ensure continuity of trade.</p>	Nil
Environmental Update	<p><b>Maintenance Dredging Water Quality Monitoring:</b> No turbidity exponentially weighted moving average (EWMA) exceedances and therefore no impact related to the activity identified.</p> <p><b>Groundwater Monitoring:</b> Associated with dredging with land disposal where during non-dredging periods groundwater is monitored to collect a baseline data suite. Monitoring is conducted on five (5) bores in close proximity to the Onshore MRA. No dredge to land occurred during the past year, therefore a continuation of the baseline data set.</p> <p><b>Sediment and Analysis Plan:</b> Assessed every five (5) years No contaminants of concern identified, though one sample location found Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS). Material is suitable for Sea Disposal. Treatment of PASS material required for land based re-use</p>	Nil

Other Business	<p><b>Sustainable Sediment Management Project Update</b></p> <p>Options analysis conducted and feasibility studies on the shortlist options has been completed – including Offshore Beach Nourishment, Onshore Beach Nourishment and Sustainable In-channel relocation.</p> <p>The next step is to seek regulatory approvals to be able to trial these options and validate modelling.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> DESI – Will onshore beach nourishment consider turtle nesting period?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Yes, we will undertake any beach nourishment activity with consideration of the turtle nesting period.</p>	Nil
<b>General Questions</b>	<p>Nil</p> <p>GPC committed to circulating the meeting presentation with the draft meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 09:02am by Chairperson</b></p>	

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