

Technical Advisory Consultative Committee Meeting – Port of Bundaberg

Wednesday 01 July 2026

Attendees: National EPA – Sea Dumping (NEPA formerly DCCEEW)
Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR)
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)
DETSI Aquatic Threatened Species Unit (DETSI ATSU)
Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG)
Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce (BCC)
Department of Primary Industries (DPI, formerly DAF)
Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP)
James Cook University (JCU)

Apologies: Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ)

Location: Teams Meeting

Item	Description	Action Required
Meeting Open	Meeting opened at 09:00am by Chairperson - Acknowledgement of Country - Attendees and Apologies (listed) - Conflicts of Interest (none) - Agenda overview	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 www.gpcl.com.au/ports-and-trade/dredging/technical-advisory-and-consultative-committee-tacc	Nil
TACC Role	Technical Advisory Consultative Committee (TACC) is a maintenance dredging consultative group, comprising recognised stakeholder organisations. The TACC role and responsibilities can be found at www.gpcl.com.au/ports-and-trade/dredging/technical-advisory-and-consultative-committee-tacc	Nil
LMDMP update	The TACC has been identified as a conduit for engagement with key stakeholders in the review of the LMDMP. The LMDMP and supporting documents establish a robust framework for managing maintenance dredging in the Port of Bundaberg and ensures application of best practice and continuous improvement principles. The LMDMP is being reviewed as required every five (5) years and the TACC will be involved in this process. GPC will consult through an extraordinary TACC meeting.	Nil

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Operational Update	In March 2026, the Burnett River experienced major flooding. Historically, the Burnett River experiences a major flood event every 10 years. To maintain the port access an extraordinary TACC meeting was held on the 27 March 2026, and dredging commenced about 2.5 weeks after the major flooding. Due to this flood event, maintenance dredging of the Port of Bundaberg was brought forward. The dredging campaign was undertaken from 2-23 April 2026, for a period of 22 days. This campaign removed 239,606m³ of predominately sand material, with no environmental or safety incidents and no non-conformances. Question: BCC – In the dredging after the flood, how much work was rework or additional dredging? How much work from the flood? Response: Normally approximately 100,000m³ material is removed annually, but we dredged nearly 240,000m³. Typically, the dredged material has more fines. However, this year, the material was predominately sand as fines are washed out in the velocity of the flood.	Nil
Environmental Update	Maintenance Dredging Water Quality Monitoring: GPC held an extraordinary TACC meeting to advise of the expedited maintenance dredging activities to be held from 2-23 April 2026. Upstream (Burnett River Upstream or “BRU”) and downstream (Burnett River Mouth or “BRM”) Turbidity EWMA levels were monitored and compared to assess environmental impact during dredging campaign. No exceedances of the EWMA levels occurred during the dredging campaign. On this basis, GPC has formulated a reasonable belief that no environmental harm was created by the activity. Question: BCC – Where is the upstream monitoring location in the Burnett River? Response: The upstream monitoring location was located at Fairymead, which is approximately two (2) kilometres upstream from the Wharf. Community Concern: On 28 April 2026, GPC received a community concern via the Minister for Transport and Main Roads relating to Turbid water at Oakes Beach, Burnett Heads. Response: The March 2026 major flooding event affected the Wide Bay and Capricorn coasts, resulting in significant suspension of sediment and discolouration of receiving waters. It will likely impact the coastline for months from resuspension of sediments. Feedback was provided back to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads about the impact of the flooding event, and that GPC formed a reasonable belief that no harm was created from our activity. Groundwater Monitoring:	Nil

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	GPC undertakes groundwater monitoring of five (5) bores around the On-shore Material Relocation Area (MRA). No placement of dredge material to the MRA occurred during FY2026. No elevated results were received during FY2026. On this basis, GPC has formulated the reasonable belief that no environmental harm has occurred as a result of this activity. Seagrass Ambient Survey: GPC engaged a third party to undertake an ambient seagrass survey for the Port of Bundaberg. In comparison to the previous survey (carried out in 2020), the footprint was slightly smaller, but the biomass was higher and overall, the seagrass is healthy. Off-shore MRA Impact Assessment: GPC engaged a third party to undertake the Seagrass, Benthic and Particle Size Analysis monitoring of the Off-shore MRA. Sediment and benthic conditions were similar inside and outside the Off-shore MRA. Reports can be found at: Maintenance Dredging Bundaberg - Gladstone Ports Corporation	
Other Business	Operations Looking forward – 2027: GPC are planning to undertake a dredging campaign between March-May 2027, to remove 90,000-130,000m³ over a 10-to-12-day period.	Nil
Action	GPC requests that all members provide updated information for primary and secondary contacts for the TACC. Please note that if generic emails are available for your organisation, it would be appreciated if these could also be provided to ensure that GPC is able to make contact.	All
General Questions	Question: TMR – checking primary and secondary contacts – does this mean only two (2) per organisation or is it okay to have more? Response: The Port of Bundaberg TACC ToR indicates a primary and a secondary contact is to be nominated for each participating organisation (generic emails also are acceptable). We've never restricted the number of representatives from member organisations and we welcome stakeholder participation. Meeting closed at 09:37am by Chairperson	

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