

## Technical Advisory Consultative Committee Meeting – Port of Gladstone

### Wednesday 01 July 2026

**Attendees:** Department of Primary Industries (DPI, formerly DAF)  
 Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)  
 Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)  
 James Cook University (JCU)  
 Central Queensland University (CQU)  
 Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP)  
 Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP)  
 Gladstone Conservation Council (GCC)  
 National EPA – Sea Dumping (NEPA formerly DCCEEW)

**Apologies:** Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ)

**Location:** Teams Meeting

| Item                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action Required |
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| Meeting Open                  | <b>Meeting opened at 10:30am by Chairperson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Attendees and Apologies</li> <li>Conflicts of Interest – nil</li> <li>Agenda overview</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |
| Actions from Previous Meeting | <b>No actions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |
| TOR Update                    | A recap was provided of the review of Terms of Reference (TOR), which is available at <a href="http://www.gpcl.com.au/ports-and-trade/dredging/technical-advisory-and-consultative-committee-tacc">www.gpcl.com.au/ports-and-trade/dredging/technical-advisory-and-consultative-committee-tacc</a>                                                                                                                                     | Nil             |
| TACC Role                     | <p>The Technical Advisory Consultative Committee (TACC) is a maintenance dredging consultative group, comprising recognised stakeholder organisations.</p> <p>The TACC role and responsibilities can also be found at <a href="http://www.gpcl.com.au/ports-and-trade/dredging/technical-advisory-and-consultative-committee-tacc">www.gpcl.com.au/ports-and-trade/dredging/technical-advisory-and-consultative-committee-tacc</a></p> | 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 Gladstone and ensures application of best practice and continuous improvement principles. The LMDMP is reviewed at least every five (5) years and the TACC will be involved in this process.               | Nil             |

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|                      | <p>LMDMP (version 9A) was endorsed by Sea Dumping on 26 May 2026, including the amendment to the in-channel Material Relocation Area (MRA).</p> <p>LMDMP 2026 amendment (V9A) can be found at: <a href="#">Maintenance Dredging Gladstone - Gladstone Ports Corporation</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |
| Operational Update   | <p><b>Annual Maintenance Dredging 2025</b></p> <p>Annual maintenance dredging was conducted with the Port of Gladstone from 21 December 2025 to 25 January 2026, for a period of 30 days. This campaign removed 222,106m<sup>3</sup> of material. All material was placed at Off-shore MRA.</p> <p>There were no environmental or safety incidents, no complaints and no non-conformances recorded during this period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Nil             |
| Environmental Update | <p><b>Maintenance Dredging Water Quality Monitoring:</b></p> <p>Monitoring was conducted from 7 December 2025 to 8 February 2026 (the monitoring period). This includes monitoring at all stages of dredging, pre, during and post dredging activities.</p> <p>Turbidity and BPAR were monitored continuously throughout the monitoring period. No exceedances were recorded during this period.</p> <p>No elevations of metals were identified during the monitoring period.</p> <p>No impacts from the dredging activities were identified during this period.</p> <p><b>Ambient Seagrass Monitoring</b></p> <p>GPC has carried out annual ambient seagrass monitoring throughout the Port of Gladstone for 20 years. This monitoring has been done consistently around October/November of each year.</p> <p>The 2025 ambient seagrass monitoring showed some of the highest high biomasses recorded since the program began.</p> <p>No environmental impacts from dredging were identified.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> GPC – does this timing coincide with the peak seagrass growing season?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Yes, it is when seagrass is at its highest biomass.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> DSDILGP – In terms of seagrass conditions, what happens if the seagrass condition is less than satisfactory? What measures are initiated?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Declines typically align with climatic events (i.e. flood or cyclone). Monitoring continues to determine if impact has occurred and intervention is required. Generally, the seagrass condition comes back naturally without intervention. Example: Meadow 7 is deep water meadow, and it fluctuates quite a lot and restores naturally after extreme weather events.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> CQU – Noticed a switch in species at Meadow 58?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Meadows are given a dominant species from the first 10 years of monitoring. The species has changed from the original species, but the</p> |                 |

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|                  | <p>biomass is relatively the same, so meadow is rated as satisfactory due to the switch, but is in good shape.</p> <p><b>Marine Pest Monitoring</b><br/>Marine pest monitoring is carried out in the Port of Gladstone. No new invasive marine species were recorded in the Port of Gladstone during the 2024/2025 monitoring period.</p> <p>Reports available at <a href="http://www.gpcl.com.au/maintenance-dredging-gladstone">www.gpcl.com.au/maintenance-dredging-gladstone</a></p> <p><b>Sustainable Sediment Management (SSM) Project</b><br/>As part of the Reef 2050 program, GPC has entered into a deed of agreement with the Federal Government to undertake a sustainable sediment management project. An options analysis was conducted to identify alternative methods to undertake maintenance dredging. Followed by trials and validation on the selected options via feasibility studies.</p> <p>The in-channel MRA, adjacent to Tide Island, was successfully trialled and validated. On this basis, GPC amended the Port of Gladstone LMDMP (version 9A) to include material placement at the in-channel MRA as an alternative placement site. GPC has applied to amend the Development Approval for to remove the conditions relating to the trial.</p> <p>There is a second option from the feasibility study, namely to trial alternative placement of sediments from the Gladstone Marina, has not started.</p> <p>Reports available at <a href="http://Sustainable Sediment Management - Gladstone Ports Corporation (gpcl.com.au)">Sustainable Sediment Management - Gladstone Ports Corporation (gpcl.com.au)</a></p> |                 |
| Other Business   | <p>Next campaign, scheduled for November/December 2026, is anticipated to run for approximately 33 days and result in approximately 250,000 to 270,000m<sup>3</sup> material removed from the Port of Gladstone.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> TMR – please clarify the usual 33 days of dredging versus the previous 30 days dredging and the cubic metres taken, and why the in-channel MRA wasn't used in the last campaign.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> The in-channel MRA was not used this year because approvals had not yet been finalised for this activity.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                 |
| Action           | <p>GPC requests that all members provide updated information for primary and secondary contacts for the TACC.</p> <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | All             |
| General business | <p>No general business was discussed.</p> <p>GPC committed to circulating the meeting presentation with the draft meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 11:10am by Chairperson</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Nil             |

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