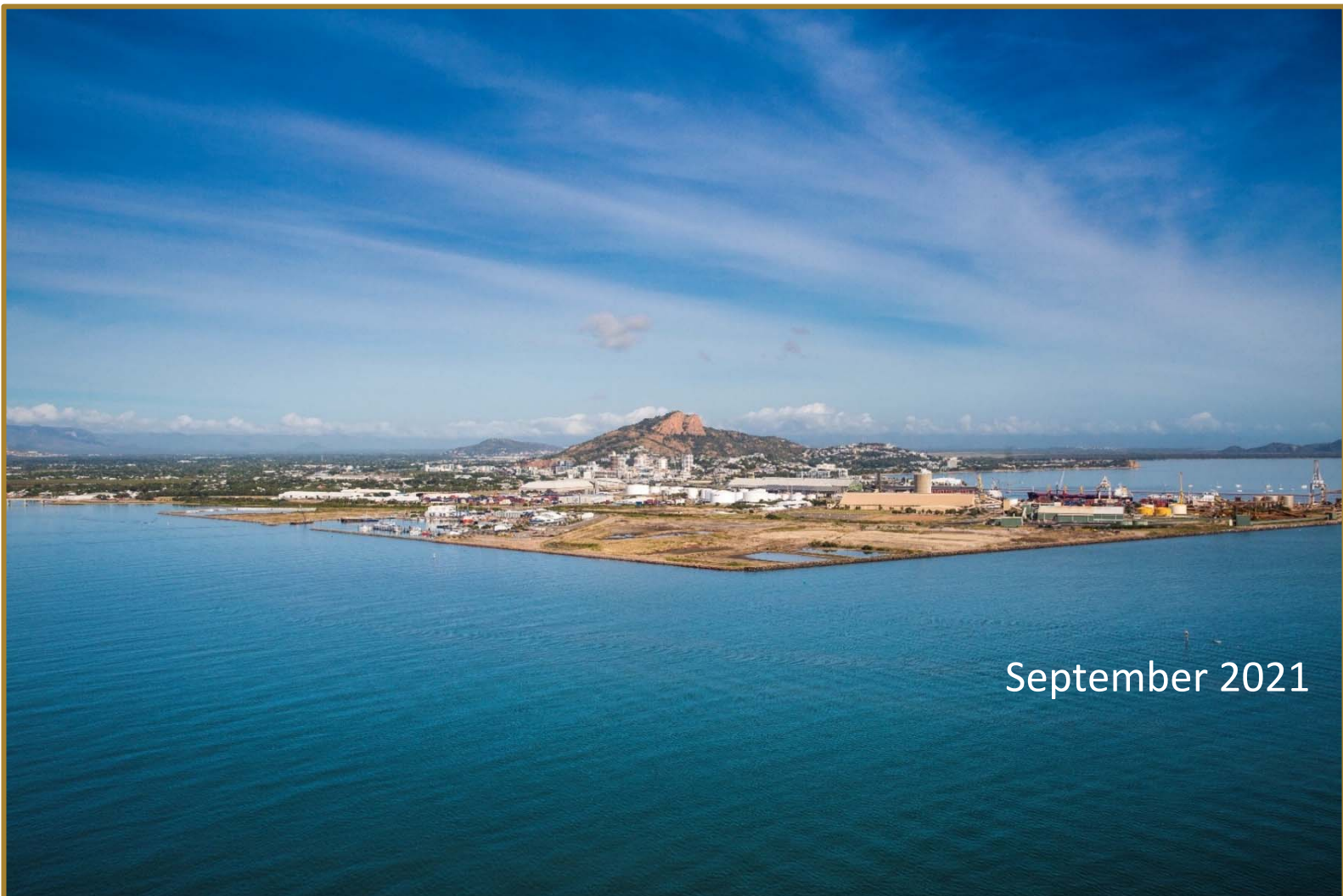


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## **Site Monitoring Plan**



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## GLOSSARY

<b>AHD</b>	Australian Height Datum
<b>ANC</b>	Acid Neutralising Capacity
<b>ANZECC</b>	Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council
<b>AS / NZS</b>	Australian Standard / New Zealand Standard
<b>ASS</b>	Acid Sulfate Soil
<b>Background Noise</b>	Means noise, measured in the absence of the noise under investigation, as LA90 adj, T being the a-weighted sound pressure level exceeded for 90% of the time period (of not less than 15 minutes).
<b>CEMP</b>	Construction Environmental Management Plan
<b>CU Project</b>	Townsville Port Expansion Channel Upgrade Project
<b>DES</b>	Queensland Department of Environment and Science
<b>DO</b>	Dissolved Oxygen
<b>EA</b>	Environmental Authority
<b>EC</b>	Electrical Conductivity
<b>EPP (Air)</b>	<i>Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2019</i>
<b>EPP (Noise)</b>	<i>Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2019</i>
<b>EPP (Water and Wetland Biodiversity)</b>	<i>Environmental Protection (Water and Wetland Biodiversity) Policy 2019</i>
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>HVAS</b>	High-Volume Air Samplers
<b>LAeq, adj</b>	The adjusted A-weighted equivalent continuous sound pressure level (in decibels) measured over a stated period of time (of not less than 15 minutes), adjusted for tonality and impulsiveness. In most situations, the LAeq is the most appropriate descriptor used to investigate environmental noise complaints.
<b>m BTOC</b>	Metres below Top of Casing
<b>NATA</b>	National Association of Testing Authorities
<b>PASS</b>	Potential Acid Sulfate Soil
<b>PEP</b>	Port Expansion Project
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	Particulate Matter 10 Micrometers or Less in Diameter
<b>The Port</b>	Port of Townsville Limited
<b>RHM</b>	Regional Harbour Master
<b>Significant rain event</b>	Is a rain event that produces stormwater runoff to level that discharge to the marine environment is expected.
<b>Site</b>	The new reclamation area (Lot 794 on SP308904) and the northern extent of the East Port Area at the Port of Townsville (Lot 791 on EP2348)

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**TSP**                      Total Suspended Particulate Matter  
**TSS**                      Total Suspended Solids

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

Port of Townsville Limited (the **Port**) is a Government Owned Corporation established under the *Government Owned Corporations Act 1993*, which manages the Port of Townsville. The Port is located on Cleveland Bay, approximately three kilometres east of the Townsville city centre in North Queensland (Figure 1). It is a multi-purpose port that handles predominantly bulk and general cargo with a land and sea jurisdiction in excess of 450 km<sup>2</sup>. The Port is situated in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area but is outside of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Townsville is a long-established township with a history of urbanisation and industrial activities in the Ross River and Ross Creek drainage system.

The Townsville Port Expansion Channel Upgrade Project (**CU Project**) is Stage 1 of the Port's long-term Port Expansion Project (**PEP**). The PEP aims to create a series of strategic assets that will address current capacity constraints and accommodate future growth in trade over a planning horizon to 2040. It includes development of port infrastructure, namely work to "top of wharf" facilities, capital dredging; reclamation; breakwaters and revetments; berths; access roads; rail loop; and trunk services and utilities. It does not include the development of "above wharf" infrastructure such as terminal pavements; ship-loaders and unloaders; product conveyors; storage buildings for products; rail loaders and unloaders; stacking and reclaiming equipment; storage tanks; and pipelines, which will be subject to separate statutory assessment and approval requirements prior to the start of their operations.

## 1.1 Scope

The CU Project involves:

- Supply and haulage of marine-grade armour rock required for rockwalls and revetments at the Port;
- Creation of a ~62-hectare reclamation area via the construction of rockwalls and revetments forming an initial settling ponds for beneficial re-use of all capital dredge material from the channel widening works;
- Capital dredging works of approximately 3.9 million cubic metres from the channels using a mechanical dredge, involving:
  - o On its western side to widen the Platypus Channel from 92 metres width to 180 metres (at the harbour entrance) tapering to 135 metres (at the seaward end);
  - o On its eastern side to widen the Sea Channel from 92 metres to 120 metres along its length;
- Installation and operation of a temporary offloading facility to allow transfer of dredged material from the dredge barges to the reclamation area;
- Reclamation activities, including the placement of dredged material within the reclamation area and discharge of tailwater via a weir box into Cleveland Bay;
- Construction of the Diagonal Breakwater, including realignment of the seaward end of the western Breakwater, to allow for a widening of Platypus channel at the harbour entrance; and
- Installation of navigation aids in alignment with the new channel configuration.

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The capital dredging, construction activities and infrastructure development for the CU Project will occur inside the existing port limits, the designated water areas in which navigation falls under the control of the Regional Harbour Master (RHM). The reclamation area forms part of Lot 794 on SP308904 adjacent to the northern extern of the East Port area (Lot 791 on EP2348, which is Strategic Port Land), while the temporary offloading facility and activities will occur adjacent to Lot 794. The layout of the reclamation area, including the boundaries of Lot 794, is shown in **Figure 2**, along with an indicative layout of the temporary offloading facility.

The capital dredge campaign will last approximately 2 – 2.5 years and dredge approximately 3.9 million cubic metres from the channels using a mechanical dredge. All the capital dredge material will be placed within the new reclamation area as part of land reclamation activities. Dewatering and ground improvement of emplaced sediments within this area will be undertaken.

A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), detailing appropriate environmental management controls, will be implemented to manage risk and reduce the potential for negative impacts on the environment associated with the CU Project 's construction activities. This Site Monitoring Plan forms part of the CEMP and outlines the environmental monitoring requirements to meet the associated conditions of the Queensland State's Environmental Authority (EA).

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Figure 1: Locality Plan of the Port of Townsville & CU Project



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Figure 2: Site Plan for CU Project Rock Wall Construction & Reclamation Activities



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## 1.2 Legislative overview

The PEP was the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a further Additional Information to the Environmental Impact Statement (AEIS), submitted in support of Commonwealth and State project approval applications.

Commonwealth approval (EBPC 2011/5979) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 for the PEP was granted on 5 February 2018. The Queensland Coordinator-General issued an evaluation report on the PEP's EIS/AEIS in September 2017. That report contains conditions to be included in the State Development Permits and Environmental Authorities, for the various stages of the PEP, including the CU Project.

Both Commonwealth and State approvals prescribe conditions relevant to the monitoring of conditions on site (provided by Appendix A). This document provides the site monitoring plan to address the prescribed conditions. Results of site monitoring will be used to manage risk to sensitive receptors during construction.

## 1.3 Purpose & Objectives

Several land-based construction activities will occur at the CU Project site (Figure 2). This will cause an increase in the traffic and construction activity at the site, which will have the potential to generate dust and air emissions; to contaminate stormwater and groundwater; and to generate noise and vibrations. The CU Site Monitoring Plan is designed to:

- Conduct the monitoring in a consistent manner which meets the requirements of the appropriate environmental approvals and any standards (as per Section 3.2);
- Characterise air, stormwater and groundwater quality within and immediately surrounding the site to determine contaminant levels associated with the construction activities compared to levels prior to the CU Project's commencement;
- Assess noise levels in response to complaints from surrounding sensitive receptors against compliance limits stipulated in the Qld Government Approvals;
- Identify trends across a range of environmental parameters to monitor the effectiveness of the CEMP control measures;
- Identify areas of potential concern which may necessitate different management controls than those contained in the CEMP;
- Assess whether there is potential for environmental harm or nuisance;
- Establish a temporal and spatial dataset to inform discussions with regulators and provide supporting information for ongoing performance;
- Facilitate timely compilation of draft and final annual monitoring reports and datasets; and
- Inform reporting of all EA limit exceedances to regulators.

Ultimately, it has been designed to monitor the environmental impacts of the site activities during both the Preliminary Works and Construction Phase as well as adding to existing background information prior to the development of the site.

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This Site Monitoring Plan is Appendix H of the *CU Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP POT 2099)*. Management actions and controls relevant to mitigating nuisance and stormwater impacts from the project are detailed in the CEMP; this plan covers specifically the monitoring of those aspects to inform the CEMP. This monitoring plan must be read in conjunction with the CEMP to ensure all management and mitigation measures are captured in undertaking this monitoring plan.

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## 2 EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES & RISK ANALYSIS

### 2.1 Existing Environmental Values

Table 1 provides a summary of the existing environmental values at and surrounding the site.

**Table 1: Existing Environmental Values**

Aspect	Description
Topography	<p>The local topography is dominated by a coastal escarpment located 5 to 10 km inland from the coast, the narrow coastal plain and the estuaries of Ross River (south-east) and Ross Creek (west) (Golder Associates, 2012). To the south lies the mouth of Ross River, low sand dunes and tidal mud flats with mangroves close to shore.</p> <p>The coastal topography near the site has a natural ground level typically between 0 and 3 m Australian height datum (AHD). The site itself is generally flat with an elevation between 2.286 and 4.286 m AHD. It consists of a previously reclaimed area and the new reclamation area which will be constructed during the CU Project.</p> <p>The site is separated from the existing industrial areas in the Port which contain built structures ranging up to 30 m.</p>
Geology	<p>The site consists of a large area of reclaimed land which is underlain by Quaternary-aged (Holocene) alluvium and colluvium sediments overlying basement geology comprising Late-Palaeozoic age granite. It is adjacent to coastal tidal flats, mangrove flats, supratidal flats, salt pans and grasslands comprised of silt, mud and sand, minor salt. Near the site, the underlying bedrock is comprised of Permian-age biotite leucogranite and microgranite (Golder Associates, 2012).</p> <p>Across much of Cleveland Bay, including the dredge and reclamation areas, the geology / lithology is comprised of Holocene “surface” seabed sediments (silt and clay with sand zones, ranging in thickness from 0.8 to 3 m), underlain by Pleistocene sediments (sandy clays, clayey sands, silty clays, clayey silts and clays ranging in thickness from 2 to 4 m). Seismic analysis of the CU Project area confirms the presence of relatively shallow density (soft) sediments (implied as Holocene). Bedrock is at least 16.5 m below the existing seabed in the north-eastern boundary of existing Port land (Golder Associates, 2008).</p> <p>The reclaimed land material reflects near-by offshore sediments with varying amounts of sand, silt and clay and some shell grit. The material of the rock wall surrounding the reclaimed land is comprised of various rock types from the Townsville region.</p>
Acid Sulfate Soils	<p>Acid sulfate soils (ASS) information indicates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soils above the water table within the Port of Townsville have an extremely low probability (very low confidence) of ASS occurring;</li><li>• Soils discharging from the mouth of Ross River have high probability (very low confidence) of ASS occurring; and</li><li>• Previous studies (GHD, 2009) have confirmed that sediments adjacent and beneath Port reclaimed lands are either non-Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS) (in the case of brown sands and clays) or are PASS with natural acid neutralising capacity (ANC) to create factors of safety of 3-5+, available from calcium particles within the soil. This means these soils are able to self-buffer or may require precautionary lime treatment.</li><li>• Limited information is available to determine the self-buffering capacity of the fine fraction (&lt;5mm)</li></ul>
Hydrology	<p>The nearest surface water receptors to the site are Cleveland Bay, located immediately to the north and east, Ross Creek located to the west and Ross River to the south east. The catchments of Ross River and Ross Creek are dominated by urban activities which may impact on marine water quality through both point and diffuse sources of contaminants.</p>

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Aspect	Description
	<p>Urban sources of potential contaminants in Townsville include refineries, manufacturing and repair facilities, old rail sidings and industrial areas. Multiple industrial sites are licensed to discharge waste streams into Cleveland Bay east of Ross River (refineries, sewage treatment plant, meatworks etc.) and several landfills (both operating and rehabilitated) are also present in the Ross River catchment. Contaminants from these activities may be transported by stormwater to Port areas and Cleveland Bay, particularly during the wet season. Contaminants from port operations may also be transported by stormwater to the same areas.</p> <p>Flood mapping for City of Townsville shows intermittent areas spread across the extent of the Port are within the extent of the 1% (2.81 m (h), 1.26 m (d)) and 2% (2.78 m (h), 1.23 m (d)) Annual Exceedance Probability flood events due to riverine flooding.</p>
Groundwater	<p>There are two registered bores (RN153973 and RN153974), located near the site. They are sub-artesian and were screened across the aquifer within sand and undefined Quaternary geological profiles. Depths were not recorded.</p> <p>Across the Port and at the site, there are unregistered bores with the total groundwater depths typically gauged in the vicinity of 5.0 to 9.0 m below top of casing (m BTOC) with standing water levels typically ranging between 1.5 to 4.0 m BTOC and to a maximum of 6.8 m BTOC.</p> <p>The composition of groundwater at the Port is the result of a number of factors, such as the land use practices; natural chemical and physical characteristics as well as historical contamination; hydrodynamics such as currents, longshore drift, resuspension etc.; port operations including product handling, shipping, tug movements and incidents. Groundwater at the site is not used for human consumption or recreational purposes.</p>
Air	<p>In the dry tropics, climatic conditions such as low rainfall and windy conditions can adversely impact air quality. There are also multiple potential contributing sources of emissions to air within the Townsville and Port air shed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional dust and smoke;</li> <li>• Emissions from industrial activities such as port operations, refineries, manufacturing and repair facilities, rail and other transport activities;</li> <li>• Localised dust sources from construction, maintenance and landscaping works; and</li> <li>• Dust generated from windblown surfaces with limited or no vegetation, including lands affected by drought.</li> </ul> <p>CU Project construction activities have the potential to impact on air quality through both point and diffuse sources of air pollutant emissions. Point sources include rock handling operations and exhaust emissions from vessels and trucks. Diffuse sources include fugitive emissions from construction activities, unsealed roads and land and vessel and truck transport activities. The existing industrial areas of the Port are between Townsville city centre and nearby residents and the CU Project site.</p>
Noise	<p>The site is located next to other construction and industrial activities which can impact on the acoustic amenity of surrounding sensitive receptors.</p> <p>Increased noise levels from the CU Project may arise due to rock handling, piling and traffic. Construction plant and equipment on the site have the potential to increase noise emissions, albeit the nearest residential area is more than 1.5 km from the site.</p>

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## 2.2 Risk Assessment

A number of the land based construction activities have the potential to impact on air, noise, dust and stormwater/groundwater quality to varying levels. These activities are detailed in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

The CEMP also details the potential influence the project will have on the key environmental parameters and establishes the residual risk level assessed for the likely to impact on these elements. As detailed in the CEMP, the risk assessment is based on the risk management guidelines within the Port's Quality Management System (risk tables reproduced in Appendix B).

The risk posed to key elements that will be informed by this site monitoring plan are detailed in Table 2, including the element, primary impacting process and raw and residual risk rating. Overall, the potential residual risk posed to each of the relevant environmental parameters is considered medium to low, with medium level impacts expected to stormwater, tailwater and from noise.

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**Table 2:** Risk Overview for the key Activities and Elements relevant to Site Monitoring Plan (Extract from CEMP)

Element	Primary Impacting Process	Potential Impact	Risk Receptor	Raw Likelihood / Consequence	Mitigation Measures	Residual Risk (Likelihood/ Consequence)
Stormwater, Sediment and Erosion control	Sediment in stormwater run-off from construction activities leading to increased turbidity of marine waters.	Release of contaminants to marine environment leading to impacts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>marine water and marine sediments</li> <li>indirect impacts on marine life,</li> <li>indirect potential impacts to human health.</li> </ul>	Sensitive receptors, in close proximity to construction areas  Marine Megafauna  Indirect on human health	Likely / Minor (local scale) (Medium)	Refer to CEMP section 5.4.2	Low (Possible/ insignificant)
	Exposure and potential release of sediments and contaminants from construction activities and stormwater.			Likely / Minor (local scale) (Medium)		Low (Possible/ insignificant)
	Stormwater contamination may arise due to leaks and spills of fuel/oil and other hazardous materials or dangerous goods.			Likely / Minor (local scale) (Medium)		Low (Possible/ insignificant)
Air	Construction activities such as earthworks and vehicle movements have the potential to increase dust emissions.	Increased dust and fuel combustion emissions may result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased risks to human health;</li> <li>Environmental nuisance to neighbours and the natural environment; and</li> <li>Discolouration of buildings or structures.</li> </ul>	Human health  Amenity for neighbours	Almost Certain / Minor (Substantial)	Refer to CEMP section 5.4.7	Medium Possible/ Minor)
	Construction vehicles, plant and equipment will generate fuel combustion emissions.			Almost Certain / Insignificant (Medium)		Low (Likely/ Insignificant) (noting relatively short duration)
	Trucks hauling construction material may track soils onto roads and generate dust.			Likely/Serious (Substantial)		Medium (Possible/ Minor)
Noise and vibration	On-site construction plant and equipment may increase noise emissions and cause vibrations.	Increased noise and vibration may result in environmental nuisance to neighbours and the natural environment.	Local sensitive receptors  Indirect on human health	Possible / Minor (Medium)	Refer to CEMP section 5.4.8	Low (Unlikely/ Minor)
	Noise and vibration generated during construction activities (particularly piling works and along haul roads) may cause nuisance.			Possible / Serious (Medium)		Low (Unlikely/ Minor)

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Element	Primary Impacting Process	Potential Impact	Risk Receptor	Raw Likelihood / Consequence	Mitigation Measures	Residual Risk (Likelihood/ Consequence)
	Heavy vehicles on transport access roads have the potential to increase noise emissions and cause vibrations.			Possible / Minor (Medium)		Low (Unlikely/ Minor)
	On-site construction plant and equipment (e.g. piling works) may increase noise emissions.	Increased noise and vibration resulting in marine megafauna temporarily avoiding the area	Marine Megafauna in close proximity to construction footprints.	Likely / Minor (Medium)	Refer to CEMP section 5.4.8	Low (Unlikely/ Minor)
	Noise and vibration generated during construction activities (particularly piling works)	Increased noise and vibration resulting in injury or mortality to marine megafauna	Marine megafauna in close proximity to construction footprints.	Possible / Serious (Medium)	Refer to CEMP section 5.4.8	Medium (Unlikely/ Serious)
Visual amenity and lighting	Construction plant activities may impact visual amenity.	Visual amenity of air and water may be impacted from construction plant, release of dust emissions or waste and sediment release to water.	Human amenity	Possible / Insignificant (Low)	Refer to CEMP section 5.4.15	Low (Unlikely/ Insignificant)
	Dust emissions from the construction activities could cause adverse visual effects.		Marine megafauna	Almost Certain / Minor (Substantial)		Medium (Possible/ Minor)
	Artificial light from construction activities or port activities may impact.	Artificial light may adversely affect scenic amenity or marine and terrestrial fauna.	Terrestrial fauna	Likely / Serious (Substantial)		Medium (Possible/ Minor)

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### 3 PROGRAM

The monitoring program outlined in this Site Monitoring Plan will monitor air, stormwater, groundwater and noise within and surrounding the CU Project site, including some components to ensure compliance with the stated conditions in the EA. Table 3 provides an overview of the monitoring program requirements.

**Table 3: Overview of CU Project Site Monitoring Program Requirements**

Air	Water	Noise
Gauge dust contaminant levels standard sampling time period of 28 +/- 2 days	Ad-hoc stormwater monitoring if rain events occur on-site	Noise monitoring in response to regulator request
Meteorological equipment runs continuously (wind direction and speed)	Routine groundwater monitoring	Specified noise limits and monitoring conditions in EA
Visual monitoring of weather conditions that result in dust liberation and elevated particle concentration Regular site observation by both contractor and port	Meteorological equipment runs continuously (rainfall)	
Specified air limits and monitoring conditions in EA	Visual monitoring of turbidity to be carried out on regular basis	
Monitor air contaminant levels (TPS and PM10) standard sampling time period of 24 hrs every 6 days*		

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It is recognised that broader port wide monitoring for each of these aspects is undertaken by the Port's operational Environmental & Planning team with a focus on Port boundary monitoring for impacts on nuisance sensitive places. While these programs are not formally part of the CU Project monitoring plans, the results of these broader port wide programs may be reviewed as part of interpreting the outcomes of the CU Project specific monitoring. For example, dust/air monitoring within the broader port environs may be used for contextual understanding of the CU air monitoring results.

#### 3.1 Monitoring Locations

Routine monitoring (air, stormwater and groundwater) and meteorological monitoring will be conducted at 16 locations, either within or at the boundaries of the site (Figure 3). Global positioning system (GPS) co-ordinates for all monitoring locations are included in Table 4. Monitoring may be conducted at other locations, as required for complaint investigation, incident monitoring etc.

The air monitoring (dust deposition) program was revised following the completion of the rockwall construction phase of the project. With the shift to the dredging and reclamation works, the location of the works – particularly dust generating activities – have modified and therefore additional sites have been added to the air monitoring program. This review considered historical wind direction and future land use options adjacent to the CU site in determining the best locations.

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**Table 4: CU Project Site Monitoring Locations**

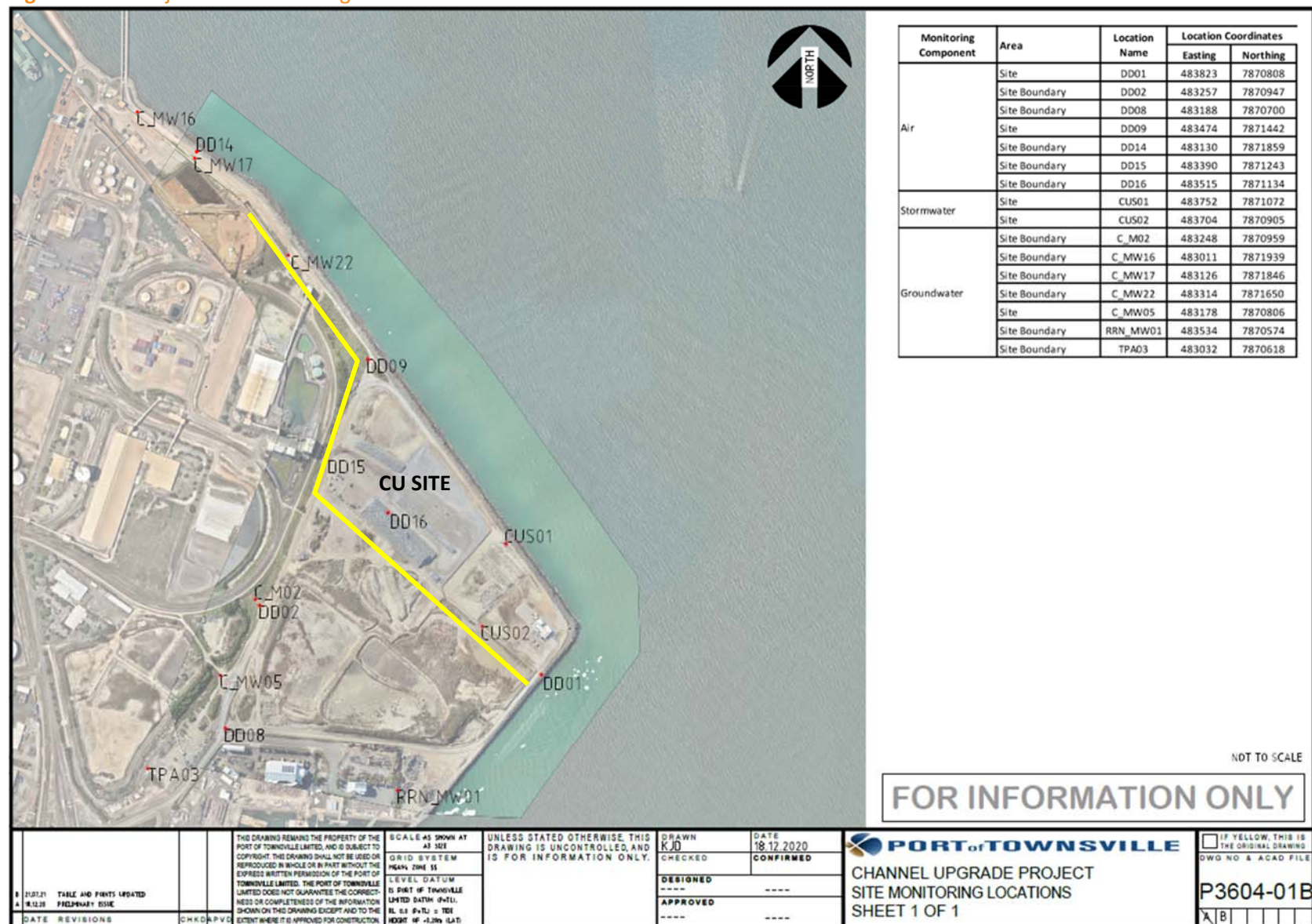
Monitoring Component	Area	Location Name	Location Coordinates	
			Easting	Northing
Air	Site	DD01*	483823	7870808
	Site Boundary	DD02	483257	7870947
	Site Boundary	DD08	483188	7870700
	Site	DD09	483474	7871442
	Site Boundary	DD14	483390	7871243
	Site Boundary	DD15	482976	7872331
	Site Boundary	DD16	483515	7871134
Stormwater#	Site	<del>CUS01</del>	<del>483752</del>	<del>7871072</del>
	Site	CUS02	483704	7870905
Groundwater	Site Boundary	C_M02	483248	7870959
	Site Boundary	C_MW16	483011	7871939
	Site Boundary	C_MW17	483126	7871846
	Site Boundary	C_MW22	483314	7871650
	Site Boundary	RRN_MW01	483534	7870574
	Site Boundary	C_MW05	483178	7870806
	Site Boundary	TPA03	483032	7870618
Noise	Site	To be determined	To be determined as required by complaint	

\* DD01 location moved approx. 100m south on 24/2/2020 to accommodate construction activities.

# Stormwater site CUS01 no longer applicable given it discharges into the new reclamation area and not the marine environment. It is retained as a site as it may be used for internal monitoring.

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**Figure 3: CU Project Site Monitoring Locations**



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### 3.2 Methodology, Equipment & Frequency

Proposed monitoring equipment, methodologies and frequencies are summarised in Table 5. All monitoring equipment will be maintained and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and operated by an appropriately qualified person.

Sampling will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the relevant monitoring manual or AS/NZ Standard, including but not limited to:

Water:	Queensland Monitoring and Sampling Manual (DES 2018) or the relevant AS / NZ Standards.
Ground water:	AZ/NZS 5667.11:1998 (R2016) Water Quality – Sampling – Guidance on sampling of groundwaters
Air:	AS/NZS 3580.1.1: 2016. Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air.
Noise:	Noise Measurement Manual, 2020.

A significant port boundary monitoring program is already in place at the Port of Townsville which monitors air quality from the Port (including this project) with the monitoring locations placed on the port boundary and before residential areas. CU Site Air monitoring will be carried out predominantly using dust deposition gauges, and, if required, high-volume air samplers (HVAS) or other method approved by the Administering Authority will be implemented on the CU site boundary. The dust deposition gauges passively collect dust fall from the surrounding air over a 28 day period, whilst the HVAS actively draws in the surrounding air over a 24 hour period. For both, samples are transported to a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory for analysis of the composition of the deposited dust and its metal/metalloid composition (at some locations to align with broader Port programs). As HVAS are currently operated at the port boundary as part of the broader port wide monitoring (focusing on Port boundary impacts on nuisance sensitive places), supplementing these is not considered necessary at this stage for CU site project boundary monitoring. This will be reviewed if complaint(s) are received from a commercial place or sensitive place or based on boundary monitoring results.

Meteorological equipment installed within the broader port monitoring network will be utilised to provide data such as wind direction, wind speed and rainfall in real time. This data can be used to understand meteorological effects on local air quality.

Stormwater will be manually collected using a sampling pole and suitable clean, sterile water sample containers. Visual observations of oil/grease/sheens on the water surface and colouration and odours will also be made. Samples are transported to a NATA accredited laboratory for analysis. The frequency of stormwater monitoring is dependent upon the number and duration of rain events with the aim of conducting monitoring immediately after significant rainfall events when possible (dependent on safe access, rainfall quantity and whether there is enough water running through the drains to collect a sample). Night time sampling is avoided for safety reasons.

Groundwater bores will be monitored as part of the broader E&P monitoring frequency for groundwater levels and water quality, currently completed six (6) monthly. Samples are pumped up for extraction from the bore and are handled and analysed in a similar manner to stormwater samples.

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Noise monitoring will only be conducted when requested by the administering authority (generally based on receipt of complaints). Any noise monitoring will be conducted using a methodology proposed by a suitably qualified consultant. The Port has developed a noise model for a range of site-specific port activities which will assist in the investigation of any noise-related complaints.

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**Table 5: CU Project Site Monitoring Equipment, Methodology and Frequency**

Monitoring Component	Equipment / Methodology	Frequency
Air	Dust deposition gauges (laboratory analysis)	Monthly (every 28 days (+/- 2))
	HVAS (laboratory analysis)	24 hrs / every 6 days*
	Weather instruments (field measurement)	Continuous
Stormwater	Grab sample (laboratory analysis)	Following or during significant rain events
Groundwater	Grab sample (laboratory analysis) <i>In-situ</i> water quality meter (field measurement) Measuring tape with attached 'plover' (field measurement) Peristaltic pump to extract sample	Every March and September
Noise	Noise logger (field measurement)	Reactive (complaints)  Proactive (baseline or during works likely to cause disturbance)

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### 3.3 Parameters

Based on the available information and current knowledge of the site and the potential impact of the construction activities, along with the requirements of the EA air, water and noise quality objectives, the parameters listed in **Table 6** are monitored. All monitoring samples will be transported to a NATA accredited laboratory for analysis.

**Table 6: CU Project Site Monitoring Parameters**

Monitoring Component	Parameter	Relevance	Method
Air	Dust fall (total solids)	Indicates the mass of the particulate matter deposited in a deposition gauge	Laboratory analysis
	Ash content	Indicates the mass of that portion of the insoluble matter remaining after combustion	Laboratory analysis
	Combustible matter	Indicates the mass of that portion of the insoluble matter lost during combustion	Laboratory analysis
	Total soluble matter	Indicates the mass of the soluble portion of the deposited matter	Laboratory analysis
	Total insoluble matter	Indicates the mass of the insoluble portion of the deposited matter	Laboratory analysis
	Total metals / metalloids# (As, Cd, Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn)	Indicates total concentration and amount of metals / metalloids in the deposited matter	Laboratory analysis

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Monitoring Component	Parameter	Relevance	Method
	Total Suspended Particulate Matter (TSP)*	Indicates the mass of that portion of the air particles that are less than 100 microns in diameter suspended in the air	Laboratory analysis
	Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )*	Indicates the mass of that portion of the air particles that are less than 10 microns in diameter, i.e. inhalable particles	Laboratory analysis
	Trace metals / metalloids (As, Cd, Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn)#	Indicates total concentration and amount of metals/metalloids in the TSP or PM <sub>10</sub> fraction of the air column respectively	Laboratory analysis
	Wind speed	Indicates the speed of the wind which is useful for interpreting dust generation / fallout	Field measurement
	Wind direction	Indicates the direction of the wind which is useful for interpreting dust generation / fallout	Field measurement
	Rainfall	Indicates the total rainfall which has a mitigation effect on dust generation / fallout	Field measurement
Water	pH	Identifies presence of acids or alkaline substances	Laboratory analysis
	EC	Indicates the ability of water to conduct an electrical current, which indicates the presence of salts / fresh water influence	Laboratory analysis
	DO	Indicates chemical or biological activity	Laboratory analysis
	TSS	Indicates degree of catchment disturbance and variety of particulates in the water which may impact on sensitive receptors	Laboratory analysis
	Total metals / metalloids (As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn)	Indicates uptake of metal / metalloids into water column which can be harmful to marine life	Laboratory analysis
	Visible Gross Pollutants	Identifies presence of pollutants	Field observation
	Visible Oils & Grease	Identifies presence of oil-related pollutants and trigger if PAH analysis is required	Field observation
	Water Table Height (Groundwater)	Indicates disturbance to the groundwater catchment	Field measurement
Noise	L <sub>Aeq</sub> T	In most situations, the L <sub>Aeq</sub> T is the most appropriate descriptor used to investigate environmental noise complaints.	Noise meter

# metal analysis from Dust deposition not completed for all sites.

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### 3.4 Quality Assurance / Quality Control

#### 3.4.1 Field Quality Assurance / Control Measures

To ensure good quality data is collected, each field trip will adhere to the following quality assurance and quality control measures:

- Use properly trained and experienced field staff.
- Use and properly maintain appropriate calibrated monitoring equipment, including cleaning of equipment between locations.
- Use proper monitoring techniques in accordance with relevant guidelines such as ANZECC 2000 and DES 2018, including clear and accurate labelling of sample containers and completion of field record sheets.
- Follow water and sediment sample preservation and handling procedures and supply samples to the laboratory within nominated holding times with accurate chain of custody forms. Supply all samples to the laboratory within seven days of collection.

#### 3.4.2 Laboratory Quality Assurance / Control Measures

Only NATA accredited laboratories will be used to analyse samples and therefore strict quality assurance and quality control procedures will be in place. Routine laboratory controls include:

- Certified Reference Materials
- Laboratory Duplicates
- Laboratory Control Spikes
- Matrix Spikes
- Surrogates
- Secondary and project Standards
- Intra Laboratory (Proficiency) Testing
- Client and Industry managed independent audits and accreditations.

## 4 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

This monitoring plan will address the performance objectives prescribed for site monitoring by the CEMP.

Performance objectives for this monitoring plan will be a combination of site-specific limits detailed in the EA and site-specific limits established through relevant guidelines and water quality performance objectives. Queensland air and noise quality objectives are detailed in the EPP (Air) and EPP (Noise) respectively. National guidelines for water quality are the *Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council Guidelines (ANZECC 2000)*. The ANZECC 2000 guidelines are general in nature and are not regional specific, however they can be used where regional guidelines are not adequate or available, for example when assessing toxicants such as metals and metalloids. Regional values have been

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developed for all Queensland regions and are contained in the *Queensland Water Quality Guidelines 2009*. The Townsville Ross River basin falls within the Central Queensland Coast region and the parameters covered are nutrients and physico-chemical parameters. Local Ross River Basins environmental values and water quality objectives have been prepared and are scheduled under the *Environmental Protection (Water and Wetland Biodiversity) Policy 2019*. These form sub-region guidelines for Townsville.

With respect to metals/metalloids in marine waters, the ANZECC 2000 guidelines provide four levels of protection for different ecosystems (80%, 90%, 95% and 99%). For Cleveland Bay, which is considered to be '*slightly to moderately disturbed*', the 95% protection level is commonly applied. Whilst a comparison to the objectives is undertaken to provide an overall trend for stormwater quality and to help identify any emerging issues, it should be noted that the monitoring locations are at the point of discharge and not at the edge of the mixing zone and the receiving environment.

Site monitoring parameters will be assessed against the performance objectives listed in **Table 7**. It should be noted that while these objectives are applied to all sampling, several the sampling locations are not at the location where the performance objective is to be applied (i.e. EA condition limits for air apply at a sensitive receptor, not at the project monitoring location). In these cases, the results will form an early warning system and will be considered in that light.

**Table 7: Monitoring Performance Objectives for the CU Site**

Monitoring Component	Parameter	Performance Objective	Source
Air	Dust fall – total insoluble matter	120 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day (or 3.65g/m <sup>2</sup> /month)	EA Conditions
	TSP*	90 µg/m <sup>3</sup> calendar year average	EA Conditions
	PM <sub>10</sub> *	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> rolling 24 hour average	EA Conditions
Stormwater	pH	6.5 – 8.5	EA Limit
	TSS	270 mg/L (road)	QWQG 2009
	Cadmium	0.03 mg/L	QWQG 2009
	Copper	0.095 mg/L	QWQG 2009
	Lead	0.12 mg/L	QWQG 2009
	Zinc	0.4 mg/L	QWQG 2009
	Persistent sheens	not be visible on the water surface	n/a
	Odours/Colouration	no unusual odour or colouration	n/a
Groundwater	Physical parameters Metals	Trend assessment against baseline results	n/a
	Water Table Height	metres below ground	No specified guideline – Compare to baseline levels only
Noise	LAeq adj, 15 mins	Background + 10 dB – 7:00am-6:00pm Background + 5 dB – 6:00pm-10:00pm	EA Limit – sensitive place

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Monitoring Component	Parameter	Performance Objective	Source
		Background + 0 dB or 40 dB – 10:00pm-7:00am	
	L <sub>Aeq</sub> adj, 15 mins	Background + 10 dB – 7:00am-6:00pm Background + 10 dB – 6:00pm-10:00pm Background + 5 dB – 10:00pm-7:00am	EA Limit – commercial place

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## 5 REPORTING AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Port will take responsibility for coordinating the implementation of this monitoring plan, with the assistance of suitably qualified contractors/consultants, where required.

The Port will produce summaries of the monitoring results from the CU Site Monitoring Program as required. Copies of all finalised report(s) will be kept on-site and will be available for regulatory inspection. If requested by the regulators, all monitoring data and information related to this Site Monitoring Program will be submitted within 30 business days of the request, or within a timeframe agreed in writing between the Port and the relevant regulator.

In the event of an exceedance of an EA limit or monitoring results significantly above a guideline value, relevant regulators will be notified as per conditional requirements of the monitoring result and of the control measures being implemented to address the incident.

Where management controls are to be amended during the CU Project in response to recommendations, the relevant Management Plans (CEMP, MEMP) will be updated to incorporate updated management arrangements into the on ground practices. The updating of the plans will occur immediately, or as part of the regular review of the plan depending on the significance of the management action modification. A record of changes made will be kept.

In the event that the monitoring plan needs to be revised during implementation, then the Port will consult with the regulators on the need for amendments and submit a revised plan for approval. Changes of a minor administrative nature will not require approval, in accordance with the Department's policy on management plans.

## 6 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Site Monitoring Plan will be subject to regular review.

This plan is a “living document” which will undergo formal review by the CU Environment Team at least annually during the construction phase. During delivery, review and amendment will occur as necessary via adaptive management actions to ensure it remains fit for purpose and achieves the required program objectives inclusive of identification and implementation of any new or changing environmental risks and mitigation actions. Recommendations on improvements or amendments are to be reported as part of the annual reporting process. This will align with the regular review of the performance of the CEMP as required under the approval conditions.

Feedback systems will be in place for the duration of the CU Project to enable this Site Monitoring Plan to be updated and responsive to learning from any incidents, complaints and ongoing monitoring results and to reflect knowledge gained. Other triggers for Site Monitoring Plan review may include:

- Changes in project operations or management;
- Changes in environmental legislation and/or policies; and

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- New technologies / innovation relevant to applied monitoring methods and mitigation actions that provide innovative means of executing activities in order to meet performance objectives.

Changes to the Site Monitoring Plan may be developed and implemented in consultation with relevant regulators and other stakeholders over time. All changes are to ensure the approval conditions are met and be approved by CU Project Management, prior to implementation. Information from this Site Monitoring Plan will be used to assist with improving the control measures in the CEMP.

Information from this Plan will be used to assist with improving control measures in the CEMP.

As noted in section 5, summaries of the site monitoring undertaken will be produced that will identify the results found and an interpretation of the results in relation to the CU construction activities. This information will be reviewed and considered by the Port to identify any recommendations on likely causes of exceedances or raised levels and necessary management actions to be implemented as a result of the monitoring outcomes.

As noted, where the monitoring identifies the need for revised management actions, the CEMP will be revised to incorporate the adaptive management arrangements. This will include the assessment of any monitoring program modifications.

As per Condition 38 of the EPBC Act Approval (EPBC 2011/5979), any changes to this Monitoring Plan, or any of the Management Plans as a result of the outcomes of the site monitoring will be notified to the Department.

Continuous improvement will also be achieved via the *Construction Environmental Management Plan*, to which this monitoring plan is a part of (Appendix H of CEMP). Consideration and review of improvements to the CEMP will be reflected within this Monitoring Plan.

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## APPENDIX A

### Commonwealth (EPBC Approval) and State (EA) Conditions relevant to Site Monitoring requirements

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**Environmental Authority EA0002890 Conditions relevant to this Site Monitoring Plan**

Ref	Cond. No.	Condition Requirement	Plan Reference	Demonstration of how the plan addresses the condition requirement																				
1.	G3	Any breach of a condition of this environmental authority must be reported to the administering authority as soon as practicable within 24 hours of you becoming aware of the breach. Records must be kept including full details of the breach and any subsequent actions undertaken.	5	Section 5 details the reporting and responsibility aspects associated with site monitoring, including the reporting of breaches to the administering authority.																				
2	N1	<p>You must ensure that noise generated at the activity does not cause the criteria in Table N1. Noise Limits to be exceeded at a sensitive place or commercial place.</p> <p>Table N1. Noise Limits</p> <table><tr><td>Noise Level measured in dB(A)</td><td>7am – 6pm</td><td>6pm – 10 pm</td><td>10pm – 7am</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">Noise measured at a sensitive place</td></tr><tr><td>L<sub>Aeq</sub> adj, 15 mins</td><td>Background noise + 10</td><td>Background noise + 5</td><td>The greater of: a) Background noise + 0; or b) 40</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">Noise measured at a commercial place</td></tr><tr><td>L<sub>Aeq</sub> adj, 15 mins</td><td>Background noise + 10</td><td>Background noise + 10</td><td>Background noise + 5</td></tr></table>	Noise Level measured in dB(A)	7am – 6pm	6pm – 10 pm	10pm – 7am	Noise measured at a sensitive place				L <sub>Aeq</sub> adj, 15 mins	Background noise + 10	Background noise + 5	The greater of: a) Background noise + 0; or b) 40	Noise measured at a commercial place				L <sub>Aeq</sub> adj, 15 mins	Background noise + 10	Background noise + 10	Background noise + 5	4	Table 7 in section 4 details the noise monitoring performance objectives that will be applied should a complaint be received.
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Noise measured at a sensitive place																								
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Noise measured at a commercial place																								
L <sub>Aeq</sub> adj, 15 mins	Background noise + 10	Background noise + 10	Background noise + 5																					
3	N2	When requested by the administering authority, noise monitoring must be undertaken within a reasonable and practicable timeframe nominated by the administering authority at any sensitive place or commercial place, and the results must be notified within 14 days to the administering authority following completion of monitoring.	3.2	Table 5 in section 3.2 details the frequency, methodology and equipment to be utilized to investigate a noise complaint.																				
4	N3	Noise monitoring and recording must include the following descriptor characteristics and matters:  a) L <sub>AN, T</sub> (where N equals the statistical levels of 1, 10 and 90 and T = 15 minutes); b) Background noise L <sub>A90</sub> ;	3.3	Table 6 in section 3.3 lists the parameters to be measured when undertaking noise monitoring.																				

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		c) The level and frequency of occurrence of impulsive or tonal noise and any adjustment and penalties to statistical levels; d) atmospheric conditions including temperature, relative humidity and wind speed and directions; e) effects due to extraneous factors such as traffic noise; f) location, date and time of monitoring; g) if the complaint concerns low frequency noise, $Max_{LP,LIN,T}$ and one third octave band measurements in $dB_{(LIN)}$ for centre frequencies in the 10 – 200 Hz range.		
5	N4	If monitoring indicates exceedance of the limits in Table N1 Noise limits, then you must: a) address the complaint including the use of appropriate dispute resolution if required; or b) immediately implement noise abatement measure so that emissions of noise from the activity do not result in further environmental nuisance.	CEMP	The CEMP details the corrective actions to be taken in the event of a monitoring exceedance.
6	N5	The method of measurement and reporting of noise level must comply with the latest edition of the administering authorities Noise Measurement Manual	3.2	Section 3.2 details the standards and monitoring manuals associated with the conduct of the noise monitoring.
7	A1	You must ensure that all reasonable and feasible avoidance and mitigation measures are employed so that the dust and particulate matter emissions generated by the activity do not cause exceedances of the following levels when measured at any sensitive place or commercial place: a) dust deposition of 120 milligrams per square metre per day, averaged over 1 month, when monitored in accordance with the most recent version of Australian Standard AS 3580.10.1; b) a concentration of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 micrometre ( $\mu m$ ) (PM10) suspended in the atmosphere of 50 micrograms per cubic metre over a 24 hour averaging time, when monitored in accordance with the most recent version of Australian Standard AS 3580.9.6 or any other method approved by the administering authority; c) a concentration of particulate matter suspended in the atmosphere of 90 micrograms per cubic metre over a 1 year averaging time, when monitored in	4	Table 7 in section 4 details the air monitoring performance objectives that will be applied for all dust monitoring undertaken.

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		accordance with the most recent version of Australian Standard AS 3580.9.3 or any other method approved by the administering authority;		
8	A2	<p>When requested by the administering authority, dust and particulate monitoring must be undertaken and the results notified within 14 days to the administering authority following completion of monitoring.</p> <p>Monitoring must be carried out at a place(s) relevant to the potentially affected sensitive place or commercial place and must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) for a complaint alleging dust nuisance, total suspended particulate matter (TSP) and dust deposition; and</li> <li>b) for a complaint alleging adverse health effects caused by dust, the concentration per cubic metre of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 micrometre (pm) (PM10) suspended in the atmosphere over a 24hr averaging time.</li> </ul>	3	Section 3 details the air/dust monitoring to be undertaken as part of the CU project, including location, frequency, equipment and parameters to be applied.

**Definitions:**

**Administering authority** means the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection or its successor or predecessors.

**Environmental value** is:

- a) A quality or physical characteristic of the environment that is conducive to ecological health or public amenity or safety; or
- b) Another quality of the environment identified and declared to be an environmental value under an environmental protection policy or regulation.

**Background Noise** means noise, measured in the absence of the noise under investigation, as L A90,T being the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded for 90 percent of the time period of not less than 15 minutes, using Fast response.

**Commercial place** means a place used as a workplace, an office or for business or commercial purposes and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place.

**LAEQ** means the adjusted A-weighted equivalent continuous sound pressure level (in decibels) adjusted for tonality and impulsiveness, during the time period T, where T is measured for a period no less than 15 minutes when the activity is causing a steady state noise and no shorter than 1 hour when the approved activity is causing an intermittent noise.

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**Sensitive place** includes the following and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place:

- a) a dwelling, residential allotment, mobile home or caravan park, residential marina or other residential premises;
- b) a motel, hotel or hostel;
- c) a kindergarten, school, university or other educational institution;
- d) a medical centre or hospital;
- e) a protected area under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, the Marine Parks Act 1992 or a World Heritage Area;
- f) a public thoroughfare, park or gardens;
- g) for noise, a place defined as a sensitive receptor for the purposes of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008.

**You** means the holder of the environmental authority.

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**EPBC Approval conditions relevant to this Site Monitoring Plan**

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1	8	<b>Reclamation area</b> The person undertaking the action must ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) The design, materials and methods of construction for the reclamation area must prevent water quality impacts from leaching material through the bund wall, release of tailwater and storm-water run-off</li> </ul>	3	Section 3 details the stormwater monitoring to be undertaken as part of the CU project, including location, frequency, equipment and parameters to be applied. This will indicate compliance with this condition and the prevention of water quality impacts via release stormwater runoff.
2	10	<b>Construction and management of the reclamation area</b> The person taking the action must submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the Minister's approval, which includes measures to mitigate impacts to MNES from the construction of the reclamation area before the commencement of the action. The person taking the action must not commence the action unless the Minister has approved the CEMP. The CEMP must be prepared in accordance with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and include at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) specific and auditable mitigation and management measures to avoid and minimise impacts to MNES, including: controls, performance indicators, early warning trigger levels, risk management, adaptive management strategies,</li> </ul>	3, 4	Section 3 and 4 details environmental monitoring to be undertaken through this plan to provide performance indicators and early warning trigger levels for actions detailed in the CEMP.

**Definitions:**

**Minister** The Minister administering the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) and includes a delegate of the Minister

**MNES** Matters of National Environmental Significance: In the context of this approval: Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, Great Barrier Reef National Heritage Place, Listed turtle species, listed dolphin species, and all other Cetaceans, Dugong (*Dugong dugon*), Commonwealth marine area and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

**Commencement** Any works that are required to be undertaken for construction (includes works associated with the construction of the reclamation area, pile driving activities, dredging activities, and any infrastructure associated with the action). Excludes preliminary works.

**Stage** As identified at Section 2.4.1 of the *Townsville Port Expansion Project – Additional Information to the Environmental Impact Statement (October 2016)*.

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## APPENDIX B

### Extract from POT442 – Risk Management Guidelines

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ANNEXURE A – QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF CONSEQUENCE OR IMPACT

Rank		Operations (Trade)	Financial Loss	Asset Loss	Interruption to Services	Reputation, Image & Political Implications	Performance	Criminal Penalty	Information Security	Safety	Health	ENVIRONMENT	
												Nature & Extent of Potential / Actual Environmental Harm	Frequency, Intensity, Duration, Offensiveness of Activity
1	Insignificant	Insignificant impacts on operations and trade. No navigation closure. Insignificant delays.	\$0 - \$50K	Little or no impact on assets	< ½ day	Unsubstantiated, low impact, low profile or no news items. No political implications.	Up to 5% variation to KPI	Pecuniary	Can be dealt with by routine operations.	Minor temporary – irritation, first aid treatment required.	Reversible health effects of concern.	Environmental Nuisance resulting in insignificant impacts on the natural receiving environment, plants and/or wildlife. No impact on community or business.	Low frequency / intensity / duration activity (days). No substantiated offensive amenity impacts on surrounding area.
2	Minor	Minor impact on operations and trade. No navigation closure but minor revenue loss due to loading or unloading delays.	\$50K - \$500K	Minor loss or damage to assets	½ - 1 day	Substantiated, low impact, low news profile. Minor political implications resulting in minor local media attention.	5 -10% variation to KPI	Pecuniary	May threaten the efficiency or effectiveness of some aspect of the infrastructure but would be dealt with internally.	Minor temporary – medical treatment required.	Severe reversible health effects of concern.	Environmental Nuisance resulting in minor adverse impacts on or unreasonable interference with the natural receiving environment, plants and/or wildlife, but noticeable effect on amenity. Minimal impact on community or businesses.	Minor frequency / intensity / duration activity carried out during normal operating hours over a short term (weeks). Minor amenity impacts experienced within surrounding area with potential to trigger complaints.
3	Serious	Temporary navigation closure or prolonged restriction of navigation.	\$500K - \$5m	Major damage to assets	1 day – 1 week	Substantiated, public embarrassment, moderate impact, moderate (local) media attention. Political implications resulting in directions given by the shareholding Ministers.	10-25% variation to KPI	Imprisonment	Would not threaten the infrastructure but would mean that the program could be subject to significant review or changed ways of operating.	Major permanent – loss of body part or function.	Short term health problems or irreversible health effects of concern.	Actual or potential Material Environmental Harm resulting in noticeable adverse or unreasonable impact on the natural environment, plants and/or wildlife within surrounding area. Noticeable impact on community or businesses.	Medium frequency / intensity / duration activity carried out for a significant period of time on most days or over a period of months. Adverse amenity impacts on community giving rise to multiple/sustained substantiated complaints.
4	Major	Temporary closure of a navigation channel affecting movements to the port for several days. Ensuing loss of trade.	\$5m - \$10m	Significant loss of assets	1 week – 1 month	Substantiated, public embarrassment, high impact, high (local and national) news profile, third party actions. Political implications resulting in state/ national inquiry.	25-50% variation to KPI	Imprisonment	May threaten the survival or continued effective functioning of the infrastructure or project and require top-level management intervention.	Major permanent– single fatality, total blindness, quadriplegia.	Health impacts, long term/chronic health problems or life threatening or disabling illness.	Material Environmental Harm resulting in significant adverse or unreasonable impact on the natural receiving environment, plants and/or wildlife over an extensive area as a result of the duration or magnitude or nature of impact. Extended disruption/impact to community or businesses. Potential exists to remedy the impact if the activity is ceased or impact is reversible.	High frequency / intensity / duration activity carried out during most hours of the day or impact is long term (years). Significant adverse impacts on community.
5	Catastrophic	Port closes, navigation seriously disrupted for an extended period. Serious and long term loss of trade.	>\$10m	Complete loss of assets	> 1 month	Substantiated, public embarrassment, very high multiple impacts, high widespread (national and international) news profile, third party actions. Political implications resulting in state/ national inquiry. Significant national and worldwide attention from governments and media condemning activity.	>50% variation to KPI	Imprisonment	May threaten the survival of not only the infrastructure but also the business, possibly causing major problems for clients.	Multiple fatalities	Long term, permanent or irreversible health problems. Chronic health affects too many people.	Serious Environmental Harm resulting in irreversible, high or widespread adverse impact on the natural receiving environment/high conservation or special significance area. Severe and protracted disruption/impact to community or businesses. Irreversible loss of amenity experienced.	Permanent high frequency / intensity / duration activity carried out 24/7. Serious adverse impacts on community.

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## ANNEXURE B – QUALITATIVE MEASURE OF LIKELIHOOD

Level	Descriptor	Description	Ongoing Activities	Projects
1	Rare	May only occur in exceptional circumstances	Unlikely in the life of the facility	0.1% chance
2	Unlikely	Could occur at some time	Once in 20 years	1% chance
3	Possible	Might occur at some time	Once in 5 years	10% chance
4	Likely	Will probably occur in most circumstances	Once per year	50% chance
5	Almost Certain	Expected to occur in most circumstances	Many times per year, continuous	99% chance

## ANNEXURE C – RISK EVALUATION FACTORS

	Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Serious	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Score	1	2	3	4	5
Rare	1	L 1	L 2	L 3	L 4	M 5
Unlikely	2	L 2	L 4	M 6	M 8	S 10
Possible	3	L 3	M 6	M 9	S 12	H 15
Likely	4	L 4	M 8	S 12	H 16	E 20
Almost Certain	5	M 5	S 10	H 15	E 20	E 25

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