

Townsville Port Expansion Channel Upgrade Project

Annual Compliance Report



March 2025 – March 2026

DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

EPBC Number 2011/5979
Project Name Port of Townsville Port Expansion Project
Approval Holder Port of Townsville Limited
ACN / ABN 130 077 673 / 44 411 774 236
Approved Action To expand the Port of Townsville, in Townsville Queensland. The action is for dredging, land reclamation and construction of infrastructure.
Location of the Action Townsville, Queensland

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Signed



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Date 29 / 05 / 2026

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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 km². The Port is situated in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. 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 part of 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.

1.1 Scope

The CU Project construction activities in the marine environment primarily involved:

- Creation of a 62-hectare reclamation area via the construction of rockwalls forming a receival pond for beneficial re-use of all capital dredge material from the channel widening works;
- Capital dredging works of approximately 3.6 million cubic metres from the channels using a mechanical dredge, involving:
 - On its western side to widen the Platypus Channel from 92 metres width to 180 metres for the main section of the channel and 245 meters at the harbour entrance, tapering to 135 metres (at the seaward end);
 - On its eastern side to widen the Sea Channel from 92 metres to 120 metres along its length;
- Installation and operation of an 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 during dredging via a weir box into Cleveland Bay;
- Realignment of the Inner Harbour Entrance, including realignment of an existing 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.

The construction, reclamation and dredging were within the existing port limits. The reclamation area forms part of Lot 794 on SP308904 adjacent to the northern extent of the East Port area (Lot 791 on EP2348, which is Strategic Port Land), while the temporary unloading facility and activities occurred adjacent to Lot 794.

The layout of the reclamation area, including the boundaries of Lot 794, is shown in Figure 2. The location of the unloading facility is also shown on this figure.

The capital dredge campaign operated for approximately 2 years with all dredging undertaken with a mechanical backhoe dredge. All the capital dredge material was placed within the new reclamation area as part of land reclamation activities.

1.2 Approvals

The following approvals have been obtained for PEP and the CU Project.

Commonwealth Approvals

- EPBC Approval No. 2011/5979 issued 5 February 2018 (amended 20/12/2023).

State Approvals

- Coordinator-General's Evaluation Report on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Townsville Port Expansion Project issued September 2017 (and all associated operational development permits); and
- Development Permit DA0190 POTL/CU / 1905-11091 SRA for Operational Work for Tidal Works (Townsville Port Expansion Project Rock Wall and Reclamation Works), issued June 2019.
- Development Permit DA0197 POTL/CU / 03-21840 SRA for Operational Work for Tidal Works for Temporary Unloading Facility, issued May 2021.
- Development Permit 2103-21834 SDA for Operational Work for Tidal Works for Diagonal Breakwater, issued June 2021.
- Development Permit 2103-21775 SDA for MCU for ERA 16 and Operational Works – Tidal Works within a Coastal Management District (for the purpose of capital dredging) and Marine plant disturbance, issued June 2021.
- Environmental Authority (EA) SDA EA0002890 for capital dredging and placement activities, issued June 2021 (amended November 2023) and surrendered 10 June 2026.
- Development Permit 2306-35238SRA/DA0208 for Tidal Works for Partial Demolition of Eastern Breakwater, issued August 2023.
- Development Approval – 2308-36219 SDA Operational Works – Tidal Works for dredging of Eastern Entrance widening issued October 2023.
- Allocation of Quarry Material, for the purpose of placing capital dredge material within the reclamation area APP0073541 issued April 2021 (amended November 2023).

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



2 EPBC APPROVAL COMPLIANCE

As per Condition 36 of EPBC approval (EPBC 2011-5979), for each 12 month anniversary period of commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval.

This report provides this compliance statement for the period 4 March 2025 to 3 March 2026, with details of the conditions and compliance with them detailed in Table 1. Please note, responses on a number of the conditions includes detail of delivery of reports after March 2026; this is due to the large majority of the work to compile the reports occurred within the reporting period where this is the case it has been recognised in this compliance statement.

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Table 1: Annual Compliance Statement for EPBC 2011-5979

Approval Number	EPBC 2011/5979
Approval	Port of Townsville Port Expansion Project - Townsville, Queensland
Issuing Authority	Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water
Action	To expand the Port of Townsville, in Townsville Queensland. The action is for dredging, land reclamation and construction of infrastructure. [See EPBC Act referral 2011/5979 received on 26 May 2011 and variation request dated 6 April 2016].
Approval Decision	World Heritage properties (sections 12 & 15A) National Heritage places (sections 15B & 15C) Wetlands of international importance (sections 16 & 17B) Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A) Commonwealth marine areas (sections 23 & 24A) Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (sections 24B & 24C)
Original Approval Date	5/02/2018
Expiry Date	This approval has effect until 31 January 2058.
Amendment dates (if applicable)	20 /12 /2023
Action Commencement Date	4/03/2020
Anniversary Period	04/03/2025 to 03/03/2026

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Heading	Condition Number	Condition	Timing	Condition compliance	Compliance evidence/Comments (March 2025 – March 2026)
Capital dredging	1	The person taking the action must ensure that:			
	1 (a)	capital dredging is only undertaken using a TSHD or a mechanical dredge;	During dredging	Not applicable	No capital dredging was undertaken during this reporting period.
	1 (b)	capital dredging only occurs in the Sea Channel, Platypus Channel, new berth areas and outer harbour as shown in Appendix A, and up to the depths and widths specified in Table 2.3 of the AEIS;	During dredging	Not applicable	No capital dredging was undertaken during this reporting period. All capital dredging under the Project has been undertaken within the demarcated areas.
	1 (c)	no more than 11.4 million cubic metres of capital dredged material is removed from the dredging footprint in Appendix A, and no more than 2.2 million cubic metres of capital dredged material is removed by TSHD; and	During dredging	Compliant	No capital dredging was undertaken during this reporting period. All dredging under the Channel Upgrade Project was completed as of 27 March 2024, with a total of 3,670,899m ³ dredged as part of the CU Project by a mechanical dredging.
	1 (d)	all capital dredged material is placed in the reclamation area identified at Appendix B for stage 1 of the action, and the reclamation area identified at Appendix C for stage 2 and stage 3 of the action.	During dredging	Compliant	No capital dredging was undertaken during this reporting period. All capital dredge material has been transported and placed within the Channel Upgrade Reclamation area.
	2	The person taking the action must ensure that an analysis of the sediment to be dredged within the dredging footprint at Appendix A is undertaken to meet at least the standards in the NAGD, before the commencement of dredging associated with each stage of the action (stages 1-3).	Prior to dredging	Compliant	This item was achieved and closed in March 2022 for the Channel footprint and September 2023 for the Eastern Harbour Entrance Widening of the Platypus Channel.

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	3	The person taking the action must ensure that field surveys of the dredge footprint in Appendix A and surrounding areas likely to be affected by dredging, are undertaken before each stage of the action (stages 1-3), to determine the presence and density of seagrass within the footprint to be dredged and surrounding areas for the relevant stage.	Prior to dredging	Not applicable	No capital dredging was undertaken during this reporting period. This item was compliant and closed in previous reporting periods.
	4	The person taking the action must undertake a baseline assessment of the condition of seagrass and coral communities in areas likely to be affected by dredging, before commencement of dredging for each stage of the action. Note: To avoid doubt, the action does not include maintenance dredging undertaken after the completion of each stage of capital dredging.	Prior to dredging	Not applicable	Item was compliant and closed in previous compliance statement
Dredge Management Plan	5	The person taking the action must submit a Dredge Management Plan (DMP) for the Minister's approval to mitigate impacts to MNES from capital dredging before the commencement of dredging for each stage of the action (stages 1-3). The person taking the action must not commence dredging for that stage unless the Minister has	During dredging	Compliant	The DMP (R3) was the version of the DMP in place for this reporting period. The DMP was implemented throughout all dredging under the CU Project, and while all dredging for the project was completed by 27 March 2024, the DMP has remained in effect as it includes details of the monitoring programs. For clarity, all aspects relating to dredging controls and management of the dredge were compliant and closed in the 2023-24 annual compliance statement.

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		approved the DMP for that stage of the action. The DMP must be prepared in accordance with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and include at least the following:			<p>The DMP documents relevant monitoring programs, including Marine Water (Section 12.1.1), Coral monitoring programs (sections 12.1.2) and seagrass monitoring programs (section 12.1.3) which have continued to be implemented or reporting finalised during the reporting period as the 'post dredging' monitoring phase. Elements of 5 (h) and 5(j) are relevant and addressed below.</p> <p>Seagrass monitoring for the CU project was completed in October 2024. The final report for the CU Seagrass Monitoring Program was completed in July 2025 (published on Port website on 1 August 2025).</p> <p>Coral monitoring for the CU Project was completed in June 2024. Final reporting under the Coral Monitoring Program has progressed during the reporting period and is expected to be completed in June 2026.</p> <p>The Marine Water Monitoring Program, which forms the basis for the Receiving Environment Monitoring Program (REMP) under the DMP, was completed for the CU Project on 1 April 2025 following a 12 month post dredging monitoring period. The number of sites monitored during the post-dredging period was rationalised through endorsement by the CU Project's ITAC. Final reporting under the Marine Water Monitoring Program has progressed during the reporting period and is expected to be completed in May 2026.</p> <p>While REMP monitoring program was deployed during some of this reporting period, as the dredging had ceased 27 March 2024 no action was required in association with any triggers and alerts that occurred.</p>
	5 (a)	clearly defined objectives and performance criteria to mitigate and manage potential impacts to MNES, including to:			
	5 (a) (i)	avoid or minimise disturbance to seagrasses and corals;			
	5 (a) (ii)	avoid or minimise impacts to marine fauna from dredge vessels;			
	5 (a) (iii)	avoid or minimise the uncontrolled release of dredged material into the marine environment;			
	5 (a) (iv)	avoid the release of potentially contaminated sediments into the marine environment;			
	5 (a) (v)	manage risks associated with extreme weather events; and			
	5 (a) (vi)	avoid vessel accidents and oil spills;			
	5 (b)	a schedule of dredging works associated with the relevant stage of the action;			
	5 (c)	methodologies and results of the analyses undertaken of sediments to be dredged in accordance with Condition 2, including measures to manage potentially contaminated sediments, if identified, to prevent impacts to MNES;			

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	5 (d)	methodologies and results of the surveys and assessments undertaken in accordance with Conditions 3 and 4;			
	5 (e)	specific and auditable mitigation and management measures to avoid and minimise impacts to MNES taking account of the outcomes of surveys and assessments in Conditions 3 and 4, including: dredging techniques, dredging controls, performance indicators, real-time monitoring, early-warning trigger levels, risk management, adaptive management strategies, corrective actions, and emergency response measures;			
	5 (f)	measures to avoid or minimise potential impacts to corals during coral spawning periods (usually between October to March);			
	5 (g)	measures to minimise impacts to MNES from dredging activities, including from vessel strike, dredge entrapment, underwater noise, wastes generated from dredging operations, fuel and oil spill mitigation and response measures, invasive marine species, and artificial lighting;			
	5 (h)	a program to monitor water quality before, during and after dredging to validate risk assumptions, modelling results and predicted			

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		effects from TSHD and mechanical dredging activities. The validation monitoring must comprise:			
	5 (h) (i)	establishment of the pre-dredging baseline condition of the environment before the commencement of dredging;			
	5 (h) (ii)	surface and sub-surface monitoring of dredge plumes;			
	5 (h) (iii)	measures to monitor turbidity and suspended sediment concentrations at sensitive habitat sites, including seagrass and coral habitat;			
	5 (h) (iv)	measures to monitor the amount of fine sediment returned to the marine environment that was available for resuspension before commencement and the amount of fine sediment returned to the marine environment that was not available for resuspension before commencement;			
	5 (h) (v)	measures to monitor potential contaminants based on the results of sediment analyses undertaken in accordance with Condition 2;			
	5 (h) (vi)	quality assurance/quality control measures for validation monitoring; and			
	5 (h) (vii)	mechanisms for reviewing the outcomes of the validation monitoring against the objectives of the DMP, and modifying mitigation and management			

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		measures, if necessary, to avoid or minimise impacts to MNES;			
	5 (i)	an adaptive management program to monitor and manage impacts from dredge plumes associated with TSHD and mechanical dredging activities. The adaptive management program must comprise:			
	5 (i) (i)	scientifically peer-reviewed water quality trigger limits providing early-warning trigger levels, and trigger levels for modifying or ceasing dredging. The trigger levels must be ecologically relevant, and determined based on the assessment of the condition of seagrass and coral communities in areas likely to be affected by dredging as required by Condition 4, and suitable for preventing sub-lethal and lethal impacts to seagrasses and corals from dredging;			
	5 (i) (ii)	real-time monitoring measures including photosynthetic active radiation, turbidity and total suspended solids;			
	5 (i) (iii)	adaptive management measures, including measures to modify dredging activities or cease dredging to avoid or mitigate impacts to corals and seagrasses;			
	5 (i) (iv)	quality assurance/quality control measures; and			

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	5 (i) (v)	procedures for reporting to the Department, in instances where trigger levels were exceeded and the adaptive management measures or corrective actions taken;			
	5 (j)	a program to monitor the condition of seagrass and coral communities in areas likely to be affected by dredging. The monitoring program must be designed to:			
	5 (j) (i)	continue for a sufficient period of time after dredging ceases, to detect lethal or sub-lethal impacts on seagrasses or corals as a result of the action; and			
	5 (j) (ii)	delineate impacts as a result of the action from impacts due to maintenance dredging and/or extreme weather events, in a scientifically valid manner;			
	5 (k)	despite condition 31, the method for defining, delineating and quantifying the fine sediment returned to the marine environment as required by condition 26(b), must be reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert. The suitably qualified independent expert must not have been involved in the development of the method mentioned in this condition (5(k));			

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	5 (l)	contingency plans should undesirable or unforeseen impacts occur, including as a result of extreme weather events or any additional pressures that may impact MNES;			
	5 (m)	an outline of the involvement of scientific and technical experts in the development and review of the DMP, and procedures for the involvement of scientific and technical experts in the development of associated monitoring programs;			
	5 (n)	mechanisms for the regular review of the performance of the DMP in achieving its objectives and to support continuous improvement, taking into account the outcomes of monitoring programs required by Conditions 5(h), 5(i) and 5(j);			
	5 (o)	procedures for reporting to the Department on outcomes of the monitoring programs required by Conditions 5(h), 5(i), 5(j), and 26(b), performance monitoring and periodic reviews of the DMP;			
	5 (p)	procedures for reporting actual lethal or sub-lethal impacts on sensitive habitat sites, including seagrasses and corals, to the Department;			
	5 (q)	mechanisms for stakeholder consultation on the implementation of the DMP; and			

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	5 (r)	an outline of the governance structure, including roles and responsibilities for implementing the DMP.			
	6	The person taking the action must review the DMP at the conclusion of each stage of the action, and before the commencement of the next stage of the action. The person taking the action must seek the Minister's approval of the DMP in accordance with Condition 5.	After dredging for each stage	Not applicable	No capital dredging was undertaken during the reporting period. The current dredging campaign is fully within stage 1 of the PEP. No action was required on this condition for the reporting period.
	7	The approved DMP for each stage of the action, or subsequent version of the DMP as provided for under Condition 38, must be implemented.	During dredging	Compliant	The DMP (R3) was the version of the DMP in place for this reporting period. The DMP was implemented throughout all dredging under the CU Project, and while all dredging for the project was completed 27 March 2024, the DMP has remained in effect as it includes details of the monitoring programs. For clarity, all aspects relating to dredging controls and management of the dredge were closed in the 2023-24 annual compliance statement and continue to be closed in this reporting period.
Reclamation area	8	The person taking the action must ensure that:			
	8 (a)	the reclamation area does not exceed 110 hectares at stage 1 of the action in accordance with Appendix 8;	During reclamation construction	Compliant	The reclamation area constructed for Stage 1 (Channel Upgrade Project) is built to the approved design of ~62 hectare reclamation which is in accordance with Appendix B. No further action is required under this condition.
	8 (b)	the reclamation area does not exceed 152 hectares in total, in accordance with Appendix C; and	During reclamation construction	Compliant	The reclamation area constructed for Stage 1 (Channel Upgrade Project) is built to the approved design of ~62 hectare reclamation which is accordance with Appendix C. No further action is required under this condition.

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	8 (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.	During reclamation construction	Compliant	<p>All rockwall works, including the rear scour protection works were completed and reported prior to this reporting period</p> <p>There was no release of tailwater during this reporting period as all dredging was complete.</p> <p>The stormwater, sediment and erosion control management plan remained in place during this reporting period, with site inspections and observations continuing. While the site performed well through the 2025-26 wet season, the intensity of some individual rainfall events resulted in stormwater being released from the site beyond the control devices in place however the majority of the site stormwater discharges to the remaining pond which remained functional through this period. The Port does not consider any water quality impacts were experienced as the release was consistent with the background water quality in Cleveland Bay during these events.</p>
	9	The person taking the action must ensure that a survey of the reclamation area in Appendix 8 is undertaken before the commencement of the action, and a survey of the final reclamation area shown in Appendix C is undertaken before the commencement of stage 2 of the action, to determine the presence and density of seagrass within the reclamation footprint.	Prior to reclamation construction	Not applicable	No further action is required under this condition.
Construction and management of the reclamation area	10	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	Prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	<p>The CEMP (R5) was the version of the CEMP in place for this reporting period.</p> <p>The CEMP appendices/sub-plans have not been updated in the period and remain as per the following versions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CU Project Tailwater Management Plan (R3) - 17 November 2023 - CU Project Reclamation Integrity Plan R6 - October 2021

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		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"> - CU Project Site Monitoring Plan R1 - October 2021 - CU Project Stormwater, Sediment & Erosion Control Plan R1 - October 2021 - CU Project: Acid Sulfate Soil and Contamination Management Plan R1 (App E) - October 2021 <p>The CEMP and relevant sub-plans remained in effect during the reporting period, although there were limited land side works undertaken with practical completion achieved on 1 April 2025. The key sub-plans and management issues for the period were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reclamation integrity Plan for the continuation of monitoring of reclaim performance; - Acid Sulfate Soil and Contamination Management Plan through conducting of routine monitoring under the ASSCMP and closure validation sampling and closure reporting preparation; and - Stormwater, Sediment and erosion control Plan for ongoing management of stormwater across the site.
	10 (a)	clearly defined objectives and performance criteria to mitigate impacts to MNES from the construction of the reclamation area and the placement of dredged material in the reclamation area;			
	10 (b)	details on the design, materials, and methods to be used for constructing the reclamation area, that meet best practice and/or recognised industry standards;			
	10 (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, corrective actions, and emergency response measures;			
	10 (d)	management measures for potential acid sulfate soils;			
	10 (e)	a program to monitor the integrity of the reclamation area, including			

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		monitoring locations, methods, and frequency;			
	10 (f)	a program to monitor, manage and treat tailwater before release into the marine environment;			
	10 (g)	management measures to maintain the integrity of the reclamation area in the case of extreme weather events;			
	10 (h)	an outline of the involvement of scientific and technical experts in the development of the CEMP, and procedures for the involvement of scientific and technical experts in the development of associated monitoring programs;			
	10 (i)	contingency plans should undesirable or unforeseen impacts occur, including as a result of extreme weather events or any additional pressures that may impact MNES;			
	10 (j)	mechanisms for the regular review of the performance of the CEMP in achieving its objectives to support continuous improvement;			
	10 (k)	procedures for reporting to the Department on outcomes of environmental monitoring, performance monitoring and periodic reviews of the CEMP;			
	10 (l)	mechanisms for stakeholder consultation on the implementation of the CEMP; and			

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	10 (m)	an outline of the governance structure, including roles and responsibilities for implementing the CEMP.			
	11	The approved CEMP, or subsequent version of the CEMP as provided for under Condition 38, must be implemented.	Ongoing during construction	Compliant	The CEMP (R5) was the version of the CEMP in place for this reporting period. The CEMP (R5) was implemented throughout all landside works associated with the reclamation under the CU Project, including up until practical completion was issued for the project (issued on 1 April 2025).
Marine Environmental Management Plan	12	The person taking the action must submit a Marine Environmental Management Plan (MEMP) for the Minister's approval, which includes measures to mitigate impacts to MNES from activities in the marine environment, before the commencement of the action. The person taking the action must not commence the action unless the Minister has approved the MEMP. The MEMP must be prepared in accordance with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and include at least the following:	Prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	The MEMP (R8) was the version of the MEMP in place for this reporting period. The MEMP appendices/sub-plans have not been updated in the period and remain as per the following versions: - CU Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Program - App F - CU Marine Megafauna Monitoring Program - App G - CU Shorebird Monitoring Program - App H - CU Environmental Procedure for Pile Driving R4 - App J The MEMP was implemented throughout all works in the marine environment under the CU Project, and while all marine works were completed at the end of dredging (27 March 2024), the MEMP has remained in effect as it includes details of the Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Program, the only monitoring program under the MEMP remaining to be finalised (condition 12d). For clarity, all aspects relating to dredging controls and management of the dredge were closed in the 2023-24 annual compliance statement.
	12 (a)	clearly defined objectives and performance criteria to:			
	12 (a) (i)	avoid or minimise impacts to MNES from construction and operational activities in the marine environment;			
	12 (a) (ii)	avoid or minimise pollution of the marine environment;			

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	12 (a) (iii)	manage risks associated with extreme weather events; and			The IDMP has been completed during this reporting period; while infield monitoring ceased in July 2024 the final report for the IDMP has been delivered during April 2026.
	12 (a) (iv)	avoid vessel accidents and oil spills from vessels associated with the action;			
	12 (b)	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, corrective actions, and emergency response measures;			
	12 (c)	mitigation and management measures to mitigate impacts from noise, artificial light, vessel strike, invasive marine species, vessel accidents, storm-water runoff, chemical and fuel management, and accidental release of waste and/or other contaminant spills into the marine environment;			
	12 (d)	a program to monitor the potential impacts to marine fauna before and during construction activities in the marine environment;			
	12 (e)	a program to monitor the potential impacts to shorebirds before and during construction activities in the marine environment;			
	12 (f)	a program to monitor the Port Expansion Project area for the presence of invasive marine			

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		species. The invasive marine species monitoring program must be based on nationally agreed methodologies and standards (such as the <i>Australian Marine Pest Monitoring Manual</i> (version 2.0, 2010), as amended or substituted);			
	12 (g)	contingency plans should undesirable or unforeseen impacts occur, including as a result of extreme weather events or any additional pressures that may impact MNES;			
	12 (h)	mechanisms for the regular review of the performance of the MEMP in achieving its objectives and to support continuous improvement;			
	12 (i)	procedures for reporting to the Department on outcomes of monitoring, performance monitoring, and periodic reviews of the MEMP;			
	12 (j)	mechanisms for stakeholder consultation on the implementation of the MEMP; and			
	12 (k)	an outline of the governance structure, including roles and responsibilities for implementing the MEMP.			

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	13	The MEMP may be submitted to the Minister in stages, but the MEMP must be submitted before the commencement of each stage, and the respective stages must not commence until the Minister has approved the respective version of the MEMP.	Prior to commencement of the action or each stage	Not applicable	<p>All works are within stage 1 of the PEP project, with the MEMP R0 approved by the Minister on 26 February 2020 and the action commenced on 04 March 2020.</p> <p>Amendments to the MEMP and sub-plans were made throughout the CU Project and submitted under relevant conditional provisions. No amendment to the MEMP occurred during this reporting period. The MEMP (R8) was the version of the MEMP in place for this reporting period.</p>
	14	<p>The approved MEMP, or subsequent version of the MEMP as provided for under Condition 38, must be implemented.</p> <p>Note: The approval holder may align a plan required under these conditions with the requirements of the Queensland Government, as long as the relevant matters under the conditions of this approval are clearly and adequately addressed.</p>	Ongoing during construction	Compliant	<p>The MEMP (R8) was the version of the MEMP in place for this reporting period.</p> <p>The MEMP was implemented throughout all works in the marine environment under the CU Project, and while all marine works were completed at the end of dredging (27 March 2024), the MEMP remained in effect as it included of the remaining monitoring program (IDMP).</p>
Pile driving operations	15	The person taking the action must establish an exclusion zone to minimise the risk of physiological impacts to marine fauna from pile driving operations. The exclusion zone must be based on noise modelling and relevant scientific evidence. The exclusion zone must be peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert and included in the MEMP required by Condition 12 and submitted for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must not	Prior to pile driving activities	Not applicable	<p>No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period.</p> <p>Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.</p>

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		commence pile driving operations unless the Minister has approved the MEMP.			
	16	The person taking the action must ensure that pre-start visual observations for marine fauna are undertaken across the entire observation zone. The visual observations must be undertaken by a suitably qualified marine observer for at least 30 minutes immediately preceding the commencement of pile driving operations, and during pile driving operations. Records must be kept of marine observers engaged for visual observations.	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
	17	The person taking the action can only commence pile driving operations if marine fauna have not been sighted within the exclusion zone at the completion of the 30 minute pre-start visual observations in Condition 16.	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
	18	The person taking the action must initiate soft-start procedures at the commencement of pile driving operations, with a gradual increase in piling impact energy of no more than 50% of full impact energy for 10 minutes. The soft-start procedure must be implemented after breaks in piling of 30 minutes or more.	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.

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	19	The person taking the action must implement stand-by procedures if marine fauna are sighted within the observation zone during the soft-start or normal operation procedures. The operator of the piling equipment must be placed on stand-by to shutdown the piling equipment.	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
	20	The person taking the action must cease pile driving operations if marine fauna are observed in, or about to enter the exclusion zone. Pile driving operations must not commence again until all marine fauna are observed to move outside the exclusion zone and 30 minutes have passed since the last sighting of the marine fauna within the exclusion zone.	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
	21	The person taking the action must not commence pile driving operations between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Pile driving operations commenced before sunset or before a period of low visibility may continue between the hours of sunset and sunrise, unless pile driving operations have been suspended for more than 15 minutes.	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
	22	The person taking the action must also apply Conditions 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21 to re-strike testing activities. A maximum of 15 full	During pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period.

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		force blows of the pile hammer may be applied to each test pile on a maximum of two re-strike test events per test pile.			Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
	23	The person taking the action may undertake an alternate procedure to Conditions 15 - 22, if the alternate procedure provides equivalent or better protection to marine fauna from pile driving operations. The alternate procedure must be outlined in the MEMP, peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert, and submitted for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must not commence pile driving operations unless the Minister has approved the MEMP, outlining the alternate procedures in accordance with this Condition.	Prior to pile driving activities	Not applicable	No works involving pile driving operations were undertaken during this reporting period. Piling operations completed in March and April 2024 were reported in the 2023-24 annual compliance report.
Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Plan	24	For the protection of listed dolphin species, the person taking the action must submit an Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Plan (IDMP) for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must not commence the action unless the Minister has approved the IDMP. The Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Plan must:	Prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	The Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Program (IDMP) was submitted in accordance with EPBC 2011-5979 Condition 24 to the Department on 25 February 2020 for approval. The IDMP was approved by the Minister on 26 February 2020. The action commenced on 04 March 2020. The IDMP has been implemented, with the sixth annual survey period completed during 2024 (previous reporting period). These incorporate a baseline survey (2019), four 'during construction' surveys (2020-2023) and a 'post construction' survey (2024).
	24 (a)	establish baseline information on the distribution, abundance and habitat use of listed dolphin species in areas of Cleveland Bay			

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		that may be directly or indirectly impacted by the action and adjacent non-impacted sites, before the commencement of the action;			Flinders University has delivered final annual reports for each of the six surveys, with the 2024 Annual Report finalised during this reporting period.
	24 (b)	establish a monitoring program to measure and detect changes to the population and behaviour of listed dolphin species throughout construction, pile driving operations and dredging activities for each stage of the action, and a sufficient period of time post construction (during operational activities) to identify any changes in population and behaviour of listed dolphin species as a result of the action. The monitoring program must be undertaken consistent with the <i>Coordinated National Research Framework to Inform the Conservation and Management of Australia's Tropical Inshore Dolphins</i> (Department of the Environment, 2015), or subsequent document;			A final report, overviewing the whole program and findings, has been finalised in April 2026 pending ITAC endorsement. While just outside of this reporting period, the Port considers this annual compliance plan to close the delivery of Condition 24 requirements.
	24 (c)	establish consistent and scientifically valid monitoring methodologies that allow for the monitoring of listed dolphin species in Cleveland Bay and appropriate nearby non-impacted control site(s), over sufficiently long-term timescales (throughout construction, pile driving			

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		operations and dredging activities for each stage of the action, and a sufficient period of time post construction (during operational activities)) to be able to determine trends, and to enable the identification of stressors with the potential to cause adverse impacts on listed dolphin species;			
	24 (d)	provide for the outcomes of monitoring to be incorporated into management plans required by this approval regularly, and at the completion of each stage of the action, to manage and, as far as practicable, avoid adverse impacts to listed dolphin species;			
	24 (e)	provide for the identification of residual adverse impacts to listed dolphin species in Cleveland Bay, in cases where impacts cannot be managed; and			
	24 (f)	include procedures for reporting to the Department the relevant findings and outcomes of monitoring, performance monitoring, and periodic reviews of the Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Plan, and the assessment of residual significant impacts on listed dolphin species.			

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Indigenous consultation	25	The person taking the action must provide an opportunity for Indigenous people to comment on the management plans and strategies specified in this approval during their preparation. The person taking the action must provide to the Minister a copy of the outcomes of consultation with Indigenous people, and an explanation of how any comments have been addressed in the management plans and strategies.	Prior to commencement of the action/stages	Compliant	<p>The Port established a Traditional Owner Representative Group under the Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Port Expansion Project.</p> <p>No structured engagement with the Traditional Owner representatives occurred during the reporting period given the project had reached practical completion (achieved on 1 April 2025).</p>
Dredging Completion Report	26	At the completion of capital dredging for each stage of the action, the person taking the action must submit a Dredging Completion Report to the Minister. The Dredging Completion Report must:	At completion of dredging for stage 1	Not applicable	This condition is not applicable as capital dredging for all of Stage 1 has not been completed yet. However the dredge completion report for the CU Project component will be finalised on completion of all monitoring and reporting.
	26 (a)	include details (including assumptions, inputs and findings) of modelling used to determine the actual amount (tonnes) of fine sediment returned to the marine environment as a result of the action during dredging and release of tailwater from the reclamation area; and			
	26 (b)	delineate and quantify (in tonnes):			
	26 (b) (i)	fine sediment returned to the marine environment that was not available for resuspension before commencement; and			

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	26 (b) (ii)	fine sediment returned to the marine environment that was available for resuspension before commencement.			
Offset Management Strategy	27	To compensate for residual significant impacts of the action and to achieve a net benefit to the outstanding universal value of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, the person taking the action must submit an Offset Management Strategy (OMS) for the Minister's approval before commencement of the action. The person taking the action must not commence the action unless the Minister has approved the OMS. The OMS must include the following:	Prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	The OMS R1 was approved by the Minister on 22 October 2021. There has been no amendments to the OMS R1 in the reporting period. Works under the OMS have progressed, the Port has been working through options for delivery and the options were set back in 2025 due to the impact of the severe wet season experienced.
	27 (a)	details of how the person taking the action will achieve a reduction of sediment entering the marine environment from the Burdekin, Ross and Black River basins, based on the amount of fine sediment determined in Dredging Completion Reports required under Condition 26(b)(i);			
	27 (b)	details on how the person taking the action will achieve a reduction of sediment entering the marine environment from the Burdekin, Ross and Black River basins, if monitoring undertaken in accordance with condition 50)			

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		<p>identifies actual lethal or sub-lethal impacts on sensitive habitat sites, including seagrasses or corals. The sediment offset must be based on the amount of fine sediment that was available for resuspension before commencement of the relevant stage of the action, as determined in Dredging Completion Reports required under Condition 26(b)(ii);</p>			
	27 (c)	<p>if residual impacts to listed dolphin species in Cleveland Bay from the proposed action are identified through monitoring undertaken in accordance with Condition 24, details of how the person taking the action will compensate for the residual impacts to listed dolphin species;</p>			
	27 (d)	<p>if seagrasses are identified in the dredge footprint or reclamation area from surveys undertaken in accordance with Conditions 3 and 9, details of how the person taking the action will compensate for the loss of seagrasses within the dredge and reclamation footprints, taking account of the density of seagrass coverage;</p>			
	27 (e)	<p>details of how the proposed offset actions or contributions to programs align with the broader strategies and programs for the Great Barrier Reef, including but</p>			

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		not limited to the Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan; and			
	27 (f)	a process for annual reviews of the performance of the OMS for the life of the approval including timeframes for conducting the reviews and for publishing the findings of each review on the website of the person taking the action.			
	28	The person taking the action may provide a contribution to the Reef Trust or equivalent to meet the requirements of Condition 27 in whole or part. The OMS must detail how the proposed contributions to Reef Trust will meet the requirements of Condition 27 before submission of the OMS to the Minister for approval.	Prior to commencement of the action	Not applicable	No contribution to Reef Trust has been undertaken as part of the OMS during the reporting period
	29	The OMS may be submitted to the Minister in stages, but the OMS must be submitted before the commencement of each stage, and the respective stages must not commence until the Minister has approved the respective version of the OMS.	Prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	The OMS R1 was approved by the Minister on 22 October 2021. There has been no amendments to the OMS R1 in the reporting period.
	30	The approved OMS must be implemented.	Ongoing during construction	Compliant	The approved OMS was implemented through the CU Project.

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Independent Review Requirements	31	Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Minister, each plan or strategy specified in the conditions must be independently peer reviewed before submission to the Minister for approval.	Prior to Management Plan submission	Not applicable	No management plan or strategies were submitted to the Minister for approval in this reporting period as such there was no requirement for any further independent peer reviews in this reporting period.
	32	The reviews undertaken for Condition 31 must include an analysis of the effectiveness of the avoidance and mitigation measures in meeting the outcomes, targets or management measures identified in the plan/s or strategies being reviewed.	Prior to Management Plan submission	Not applicable	No independent peer reviews were required in this reporting period.
	33	Unless otherwise specified in these conditions or notified in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must provide to the Minister a copy of all advice and recommendations made by the independent peer reviewer(s) with the plan or strategy, and an explanation of how the advice and recommendations will be implemented, or an explanation of why the person taking the action does not propose to implement certain recommendations.	Prior to Management Plan submission	Compliant	No peer review of a management plan was completed in this reporting period.
Standard conditions	34	Within 10 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Within 10 days of commencement	Compliant	The Department was advised on 10 March 2020 of commencement of the Action. No further action is required for this condition - item is closed.

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	35	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans and strategy required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval.	Ongoing during construction	Compliant	All records of the reports and data have been saved in Port of Townsville's electronic document management system and/or (database management systems) and/or server and can be made available to the Department upon request.
	36	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.	Within 3 months of the anniversary of commencement	Compliant	<p>This annual compliance report provides the compliance statement for the 12 months from 04 March 2025 to 03 March 2026. Where relevant, it has been noted if this compliance statement refers to reports etc. that have been delivered since the reporting period has ended, given the majority of the development of the reports occurred in the reporting period.</p> <p>All relevant Management Plans (CEMP, MEMP, OMS) were approved by the Delegate, or under condition 38, and implemented as part of the project works. No management plans were amended during this reporting period.</p> <p>Compliance with all relevant conditions has been achieved.</p> <p>The 2024-25 Annual compliance report was published on the Port's website on 27 May 2025 and provided to the department.</p>

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	37	Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister before the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	As required	Not applicable	No directive has been received from DCCEEW to appoint an independent auditor and conduct a third party audit of the EPBC 2011/5979 Permit during this reporting period.
	38	The person taking the action may choose to revise a management plan approved by the Minister under Conditions 5, 10 and 12 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the person taking the action makes this choice they must:	As required	Compliant	No management plans, or associated sub-plans, were amended during the reporting period; as such, no plans were submitted to the Department under condition 38 (a) & (b). All records of the reports and data have been saved in Port of Townsville's electronic document management system and/or (database management systems) and/or server and can be made available to the Department upon request.
	38 (a)	notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide the Department with an electronic copy of the revised plan;			
	38 (b)	implement the revised plan from the date that the plan or strategy is submitted to the Department; and			

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	38 (c)	for the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.			
	39	The person taking the action may revoke their choice under Condition 38 at any time by notice to the Department. If the person taking the action revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, without approval under section 143A of the Act, the plan approved by the Minister must be implemented.	As required	Not applicable	No decision was made to revoke any submission under Condition 38 during this reporting period.
	40	Condition 38 does not apply if the revisions to the approved plan or strategy include changes to environmental offsets provided under the plan or strategy in relation to a matter protected by a controlling provision for the action, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Minister. This does not otherwise limit the circumstances in which the taking of the action in accordance with a revised plan or strategy would, or would not, be likely to have new or increased impacts.	As required	Not applicable	No revision of a management plan during the reporting period included changes to the environmental offsets required under the OMS R1.
	41	If the Minister gives a notice to the person taking the action that the Minister is satisfied that the taking	As required	Not applicable	No notice under condition 41 has been issued during the reporting period.

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		of the action in accordance with the revised plan would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:			
	41 (a)	Condition 38 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and			
	41 (b)	<p>The person taking the action must implement the plan approved by the Minister.</p> <p>To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of Conditions 38, 39 and 40 in the period before the day the notice is given.</p> <p>At the time of giving the notice the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time that Condition 38 does not apply for one or more specified plans required under the approval.</p>			
	42	Conditions 38, 39, 40 and 41 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the person taking the action to submit a revised plan to the Minister for approval.	As required	Not applicable	No revised plan has been submitted under condition 42 during the reporting period.
	43	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the	After 5 years of approval issuing (Feb 2018)	Compliant	<p>The action commenced on 04 March 2020.</p> <p>As a result, this condition is complied with and no further action is required for this condition - item is closed.</p>

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		action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.			
	44	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans, reports and strategies referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan, report and strategy must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved by the Minister or being submitted under Condition 38.a).	Within 1 month of approval of the Management Plan	Compliant	<p>No management plans, or associated sub-plans, were amended during the reporting period; as such, no plans needed to be published to the website.\</p> <p>The 2024-25 Annual Compliance Report was published on the Port of Townsville Limited website on 27 May 2025. https://os-data-2.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/townsville-port-2/bundle38/20250526_2025_cu_annual_compliance_statement_epbc_2011-5979.pdf</p>

Independent Technical Advisory Committee – CU Project

An Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) was established in 2018 to form part of the governance structure of the CU's Capital dredge campaign at the Port of Townsville. The ITAC provides independent scientific and technical advice about the monitoring and management of water quality and ecological impacts from dredging, as well as independent oversight of the REMP during the CU Project's capital dredge campaign. Scientific and technical specialists on the ITAC have expertise in water quality, coral ecosystems, seagrass ecosystems, marine megafauna, coastal hydrodynamics and sediment transportation and dredging.

During the reporting period, the ITAC met twice at formal, scheduled meetings to review post dredging monitoring results and then to discuss the final reports. Additionally, several technical sessions were held with the relevant technical specialist/s to address specific items or issues associated with individual monitoring programs.

The CU Project ITAC remains active until 30 June 2026 to provide oversight and feedback on the final reports for each of the CU monitoring programs.



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