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The Port of Brisbane is planning for the future to ensure Queensland's largest multi-cargo port can continue to meet the needs of our state's growing population.

Most of the goods in our homes, driveways and supermarkets, the materials needed to support construction and sustainable energy generation, and the world-class agricultural and resource products we export to global markets are transported by sea.

The proposed 25-year Channel Enhancement Project aims to improve efficiency, reduce vessel emissions and cater for the future needs of the global shipping market.

The Project is not only a response to current trade demand but a plan to futureproof the port's operations.

The proposal includes the potential deepening and widening of the existing navigational channels, enhancement of the existing East Knoll Bypass Channel as well as minor re-alignments.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Project is being undertaken through an accredited assessment process. This means a single, comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared by PBPL that will require both State and Australian Government assessment and approval.

The draft Terms of Reference for the Project sets out the range of matters that will need to be investigated by the EIS and then assessed by governments before a decision is made around approval of the Project. This document is being developed by the Office of the Queensland Coordinator-General, in conjunction with the Australian Government, and has yet to be released for public comment.

The public notification of the draft Terms of Reference will provide an opportunity for all interested parties to review and make comments to the Government on the areas of investigation and study for this important project including the program of dredging

works, material placement strategies, natural environment, cultural heritage matters, social and economic development, and project funding.

Once public comments have been considered, the Office of the Coordinator-General will finalise and release the Project's Terms of Reference.

The EIS and its formal engagement process for the Project will not commence until the finalisation of the Terms of Reference as this will determine the basis for the EIS.

More information

Detailed information about the EIS process is available on the [Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning website](#).

Visit [Port of Brisbane's website](#) for further information and fact sheets or to register to receive updates on the proposed Project.

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