

**Port of Brisbane
Channel Enhancement
Project Update**



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Work is progressing on Port of Brisbane's [Channel Enhancement Project's](#) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), following the release of the final Terms of Reference in September 2025. The draft EIS is expected to be lodged with the [Office of the Coordinator General \(OCG\)](#) for review in mid-2027. Public notification of the EIS document will occur following acceptance of the document by the OCG.

The EIS involves a comprehensive program of technical studies to understand any potential impacts and inform project planning. Some of the key studies include:

- coastal processes and modelling
- marine ecology and water quality

- cultural heritage (First Nations; maritime)
- geology and sediments
- visual amenity; and
- economic and social impacts.

Many of these studies include the collection of new data, field surveys and investigations.

As an example, water quality instruments are currently deployed at seven locations across the Bay to measure natural turbidity levels. This monitoring will help build a clear picture of existing conditions and support a robust impact assessment of any changes to water quality from the Project.

Project Design Progress

The project team is continuing to refine key design elements, including the optimised channel layout and preferred locations for dredged material placement. The current optimised design includes:

- **Reduced channel widths in select areas**, helping lower the overall volume of dredging required while maintaining navigational safety and operational efficiency.
- **A preferred dredged material placement option to extend the existing port expansion area at Fisherman Islands**, selected for its operational efficiency and its potential to support improved environmental outcomes.

Cultural Heritage and First Nations Engagement

Engagement with Aboriginal Parties is an important part of the Project EIS process and will help inform how cultural heritage values are identified, understood and managed.

An Endorsed Parties Reference Group has been established to guide cultural heritage assessments for the EIS. Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs) will be prepared in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, supported by independent experts.

Following completion of a notification process in 2025 as required under Queensland cultural heritage legislation, the following Aboriginal Parties have sought endorsement to prepare CHMPs related to the Project:

Former Jagera No. 2 Native Title claim area - around the mouth of the Brisbane River:

- Jagera Daran, on behalf of the Jagera Peoples

Remaining CEP Project Area in Moreton Bay:

- Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC)
- Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation (KKPAC)
- Yagara Magandjin Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC)
- Turrbal Dippil, on behalf of the Turrbal Peoples
- Jagera Daran, on behalf of the Jagera Peoples

PBPL will continue to work closely with these groups and their representatives to meet the cultural heritage assessment requirements set out in the EIS Terms of Reference.

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Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands, seas and waters on which the Port of Brisbane operates and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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