

# Environmental Impact Statement

## Background

Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (PBPL) is committed to investing in the sustainable development of the Port and to facilitating the trade requirements needed to support our region's growing population.

PBPL is currently in the early stages of considering the future requirements of its shipping channel.

The proposed 25-year Port of Brisbane Channel Enhancement Project (CEP) aims to ensure the shipping channel servicing the port improves efficiency, reduces vessel emissions, and caters for the future needs of the global shipping market.

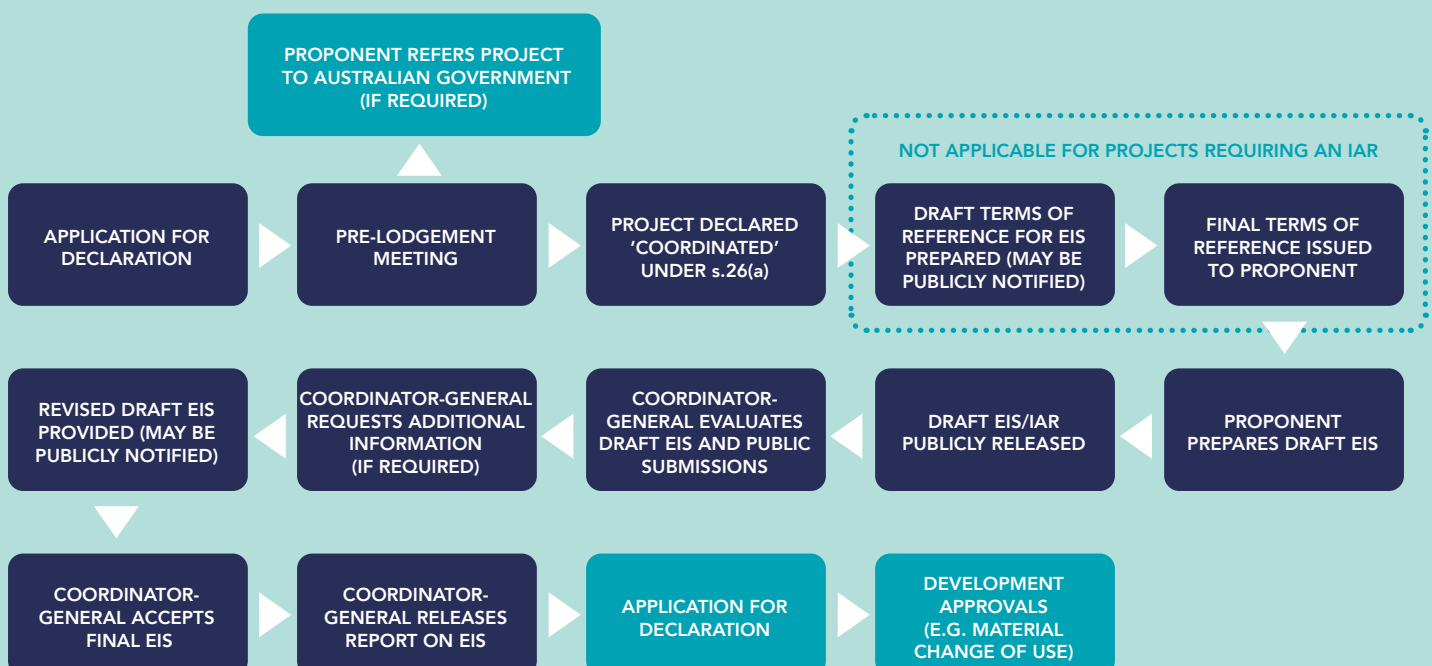
The Project will include the potential deepening and widening of existing navigational channels, as well as minor re-alignments.

The Queensland Coordinator-General has declared the CEP as a 'coordinated project' under State legislation requiring an environmental impact statement (EIS).

The Commonwealth Government has also declared the Project as a 'controlled action' under its *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Accordingly, a single, comprehensive EIS for the Project will be prepared to address both State and Commonwealth Government requirements prior to an approval decision.

## Steps in the assessment process





## EIS process

A coordinated project declaration does not imply government approval or support for, or commitment to, the project. Rather, it means the proposed project will require a rigorous impact assessment, in this case through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), involving whole-of-government coordination.

The Project's declaration as a 'coordinated project' by the Coordinator-General under Part 4 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act), recognises that it has:

- complex local, state or Commonwealth approval requirements
- strategic significance to the locality, region or State
- significant positive or negative impacts on infrastructure, the economy or the social or physical environments.

The objective of the EIS is to identify all relevant environmental, social, heritage and economic impacts of the project and the proponent's proposals to avoid, minimise, mitigate and/or offset those potential impacts. The EIS should demonstrate that the project is based on sound environmental principles and practices.

## Terms of Reference

Following the declaration of the project by the Coordinator-General a terms of reference for the EIS will be prepared. As the project will be undertaken using an accredited EIS process with the Commonwealth Government, the terms of reference will include State requirements as well as requirements related to matters of national environmental significance under Commonwealth legislation.

The terms of reference will be released for public comment by the Coordinator-General. The Coordinator-General will consider any comments on the draft terms of reference prior to finalising.

## Draft EIS

The Draft EIS prepared for the Project must adequately address the terms of reference finalised by the Coordinator-General.

Once accepted as being adequate, the Draft EIS will be released for public consultation, and publicly available over the life of the project, via the Queensland Government's website with any submissions to be made to the Coordinator-General.

## More information

PBPL will progress the proposed Channel Enhancement Project through the Queensland Government's coordinated project processes.

Detailed information about the EIS process is available at [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/coordinator-general](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/coordinator-general)

Information about the proposed Channel Enhancement Project is available at: [www.portbris.com.au](http://www.portbris.com.au)





## Channel Enhancement Project study area

