

# Port of Mackay Maintenance dredging project

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## Project overview

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBP) is set to start maintenance dredging works at the Port of Mackay in early December 2020.

This will be the first time maintenance dredging has been conducted at the Port of Mackay since 2013.

The works are expected to take up to two weeks to complete and will have minimal impact on the community and residents.



## What is maintenance dredging?

Maintenance dredging involves relocating sediment which travels along the coast and naturally accumulates where our shipping operation occurs over time.

The built-up sediment is then relocated in an approved area at sea, 2km away from port operations. This approved area is called the Dredge Material Placement Area (DMPA).

NQBP's dredging works align with the *Maintenance Dredging Strategy for Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area Ports* released by the Queensland Government and the *Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan*.

Our Long Term Dredge Management Plan for the Port of Mackay 2012-2022 along with its Supplementary Report outlines our environmental monitoring commitments and is available on our website.

Environmental monitoring and management measures will be in place throughout the works to minimise the impact on the marine environment.

## How will it happen?

A specialist Trailing Suction Hopper Dredge vessel, the 'TSHD Brisbane' will be used. It will operate 24/7 alongside a survey vessel and a bed-levelling vessel.

The 'TSHD Brisbane' will spend time operating within the Port of Mackay, making frequent trips between the Port and the DMPA.

NQBP asks that everyone using the Mackay Marina take extra care when on the water during the maintenance dredging works.

The 'TSHD Brisbane' and its support vessels have restricted manoeuvring capability.

NQBP urges people on the water to pay close attention to displayed warning flags and lights. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

## More information

To learn more about NQBP's maintenance dredging program at the Port of Mackay visit [www.nqbp.com.au](http://www.nqbp.com.au) or simply scan below:



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