



# Bowen and Abbot Point CRG

15 July 2025

Chair: NQBP CEO Brendan Webb



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation acknowledges the Juru People as the Traditional Owners of the Bowen and Abbot Point region. We also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. Acknowledging their continuing cultural and spiritual connection to land and water. We pay respects to their Elders, past, and present.

# Agenda

1. Meeting open
  - Acknowledgement of Country
  - Agenda and housekeeping
2. Welcome and introductions
  - Guests and Apologies
3. Conflict of interest
4. Actions register
5. CEO update
6. Infrastructure and Operations update
7. Environment update
8. Indigenous Program update
9. Commercial and Maritime update
10. Community update
11. General business
12. Next meeting
13. Meeting close



# Conflict of Interest

## **CRG members should disclose if they:**

- Are a member, partner, or an employee of NQBP
- Have some other specified interest relating to NQBP or their operations
- Have a financial or vested interest in a matter being considered by the CRG
- Have had a change in circumstance

# Conflict of Interest Register



Name	Position	Form received (Yes/No)	Nature and Extent of Interest	Date
<b>Matt Bowkett (Proxy)</b>	Port Industry representative – Engage Marine	Yes	Employed as NQ Regional Manger for Engage Marine in Bowen. Engage Marine holds the towage license for Abbot Point which is issued by NQBP. Member of Bowen Chamber of Commerce.	05/09/2024
<b>Clint Mason</b>	Port Industry representative – Engage Marine	Yes	Port Manager Engage Marine. Engage Marine hold the towage license for the port of Abbot Point. This towage license is issued by NQBP.	18/01/2025
<b>James Gilmour</b>	Port Advisory Group representative – Gilmour Space	Yes	As owner of a number of Gilmour Space Companies, may have conflicts from time to time between the running of Gilmour businesses and membership in the CRG depending on agenda items.	11/09/2024
<b>Alex Cramb</b>	Maritime Safety Queensland representative	Yes	Represent the Department of Transport and Main Roads – Maritime Safety Queensland with a specific interest on matters impacting Bowen Boat Harbour (state managed boat harbour)	19/09/2024
<b>Max Haste</b>	Maritime Safety Queensland representative	Yes	An employee and representative of Maritime Safety Queensland (Dept Transport and Main Roads).	09/09/2024
<b>Bradley Stout</b>	Juru Enterprise Representative	Yes	Chairperson of Juru Enterprise Limited	09/09/2024
<b>Donna Turner</b>	Environmental representative – Dry Tropics	Yes	No conflict declared.	23/09/2024
<b>Mark Smith</b>	NQXT Industry representative	Yes	General Manager of NQXT: NQXT is the long-term lease holder of the North Queensland Export Terminal at the Port of Abbot Point	19/09/2024

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Name	Position	Form received (Yes/No)	Nature and Extent of Interest	Date
<b>David Paddon</b>	Local Business representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	21/09/2024
<b>Emma Stark</b>	Youth Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	18/11/2024
<b>Cheryl Bullemor</b>	Recreational representative – NQ Cruising Yacht Club	Yes	No conflict declared.	30/01/2025
<b>Stephanie Cora</b>	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	31/01/2025
<b>Lorraine Maltby</b>	Community representative – Probus Club	Yes	No conflict declared.	11/09/2024
<b>Richard Roberts</b>	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	11/02/2025
<b>Glenda Robertson</b>	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	25/09/2024
<b>Tony Bale</b>	Bowen Chamber of Commerce	Yes	No conflict declared.	26/02/2025
<b>Damien Dederer (Proxy)</b>	APO Industry representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	30/06/2025
<b>Kate Mee</b>	APO Industry representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	03/10/2024
<b>Mayor Ry Collins</b>	Whitsunday Regional Council	Yes	No conflict declared.	25/03/2024
<b>Johnathan Cutting (Proxy)</b>	Whitsunday Regional Council representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	16/09/2024



# Actions Register



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## Bowen and Abbot Community Reference Group Actions Register

As at 23 June 2025

Action No	Description	Raised by	Date	Responsible	Due by (CRG meeting)	Actions & Progress Notes	Status	Date Resolved
1	NQBP to distribute draft minutes of meeting for review.	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Emailed to CRG members	Closed	31/03/25
2	NQBP to publish minutes on website and notify CRG members so they can share through their networks.	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	16/04/25
3	Request for additional agenda items to be sent four weeks prior to next meeting.	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	13/06/25
4	NQBP to follow up any outstanding Conflict of Interest forms	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25
5	NQBP to send information to CRG members on sponsorship nominations process	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25
6	James Gilmour to send public document to NQBP to share with CRG members.	CRG	11/03/25	Gilmour Space	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25
7	Jonathan Cutting to share Bowen Foreshore Master Plan community consultation information.	CRG	11/03/25	Whitsunday Regional Council	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25



# CEO Update

- Investing in our communities



# Investing in our communities



# Infrastructure and operations

- Bowen Jetty project
- Towage solution for Abbot Point
- Maintenance and operations



# Bowen Jetty project

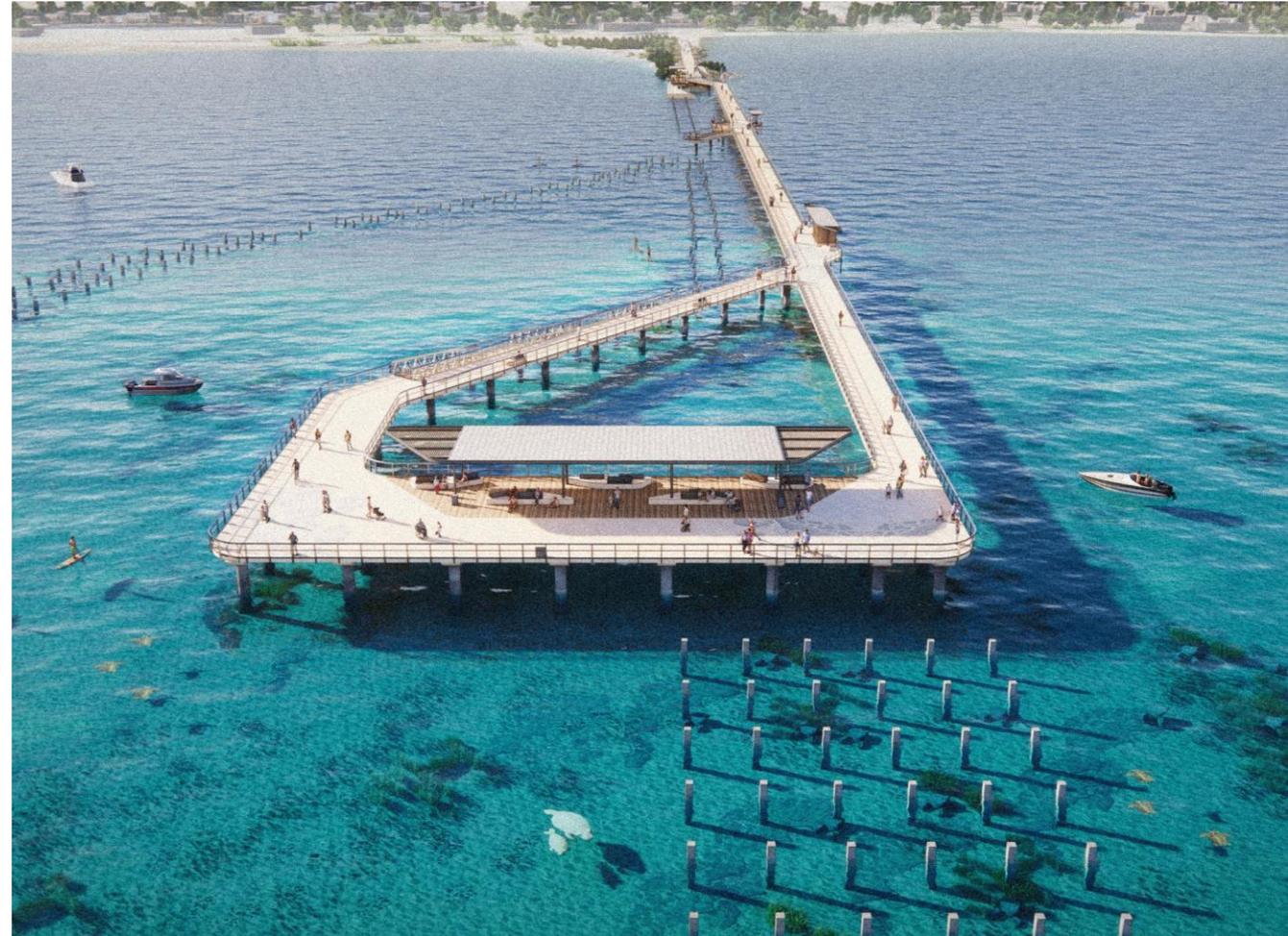
## Project Timeline

Construction start: 2027

Completion: Late 2028 *(subject to environmental approvals)*

## Current focus

- Conducting baseline environmental studies
  - Sound loggers have been installed.
  - JCU is progressing megafauna surveys.
- Procuring contractors and consultants
  - Reference Design and Engineering Consulting Services tender closes 24 July.
  - Geotechnical Investigation tender has closed and is under evaluation.
- Project Management
  - Project Manager recruitment underway.



*Bowen Jetty final concept*

# Towage infrastructure solution



- The tugs servicing Abbot Point will move from Bowen Wharf in 2026 until permanent towage infrastructure is in place.
- Business Case process underway, for a permanent towage facility for Abbot Point.
- NQBP has engaged Scyne to carry out a detailed location and options analysis as part of the Business Case process.
- Two step process
  - an initial multi-year solution and a
  - permanent solution planned to be in place around 2030.
- NQBP and Engage Marine are identifying the best initial towage solution
- Goal is to establish a land-based towage facility to support future growth



# Maintenance and operations

## Bowen Wharf maintenance works

- Deck replacement works are scheduled for next week (21 July – 25 July 2025)
- From the Y junction to the public jetty arm.
- Bowen Jetty will be closed to pedestrians during the works for public safety.
- Updates on the closures can be found on NQBP's Facebook page.



# Maintenance and operations



## Abbot Point Road reseal

- \$1M contract awarded to Fulton Hogan.
- Project included asphalt surfacing and line-marking works.
- Project now complete.

## General updates

- Defence Exercise Talisman Sabre being held in July on private land and Gilmour Space leased land at Abbot Point.
- NQBP continues to support Gilmour Space operations.



# Environment

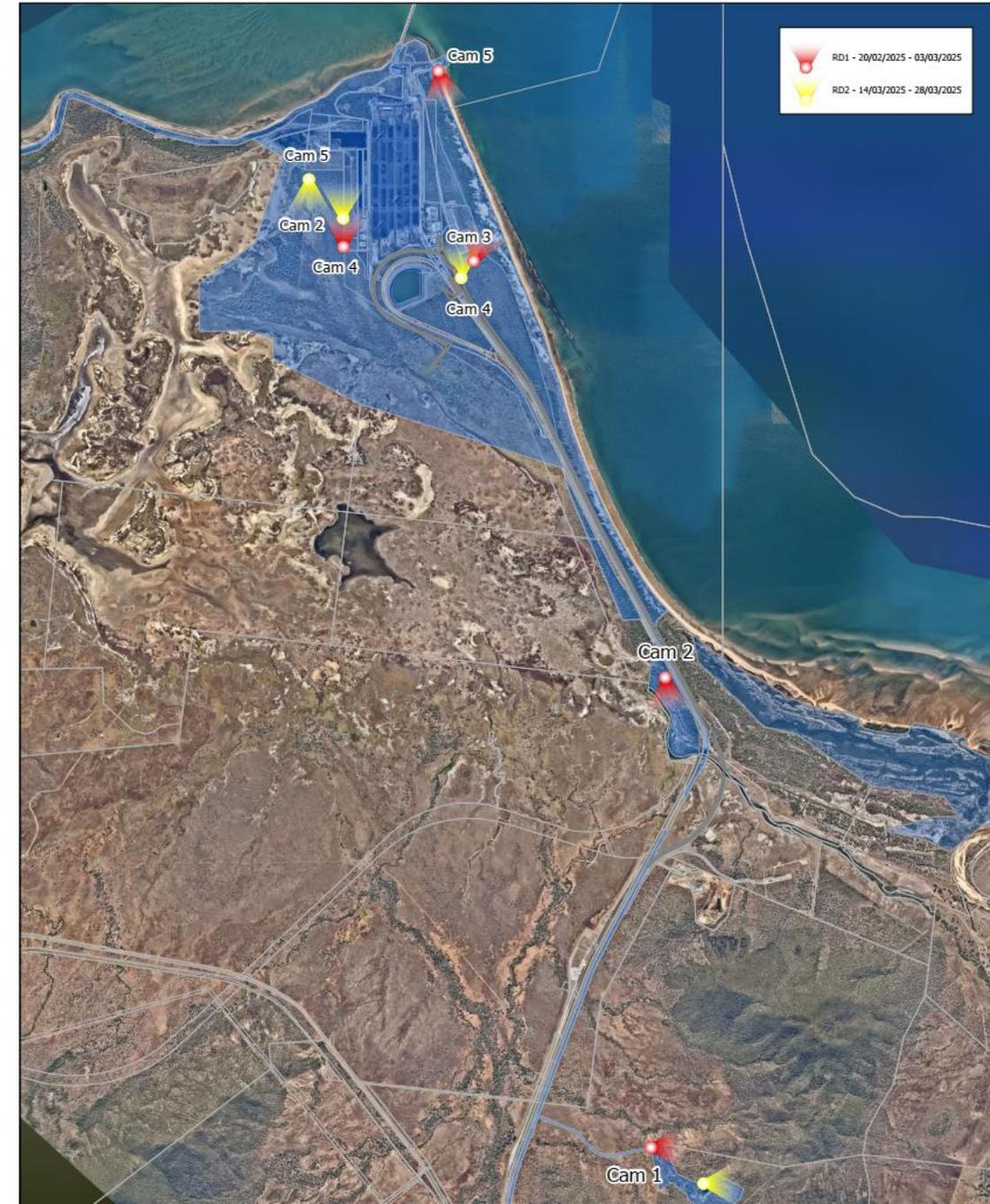
- Pest management
- Marine Monitoring Program
- Abbot Point Master Plan



# Pest management

- NQBP partners with regional stakeholders on feral animal control initiatives.
- Aerial pig shoot to be conducted in conjunction with Whitsunday Regional Council, scheduled for 22 July 2025.
- Recent reports received from neighboring properties on wild dog sightings.
- NQBP also engaged a trapper to investigate further, a low number of dogs were found.
- NQBP will continue trapping program on a semi-regular basis.

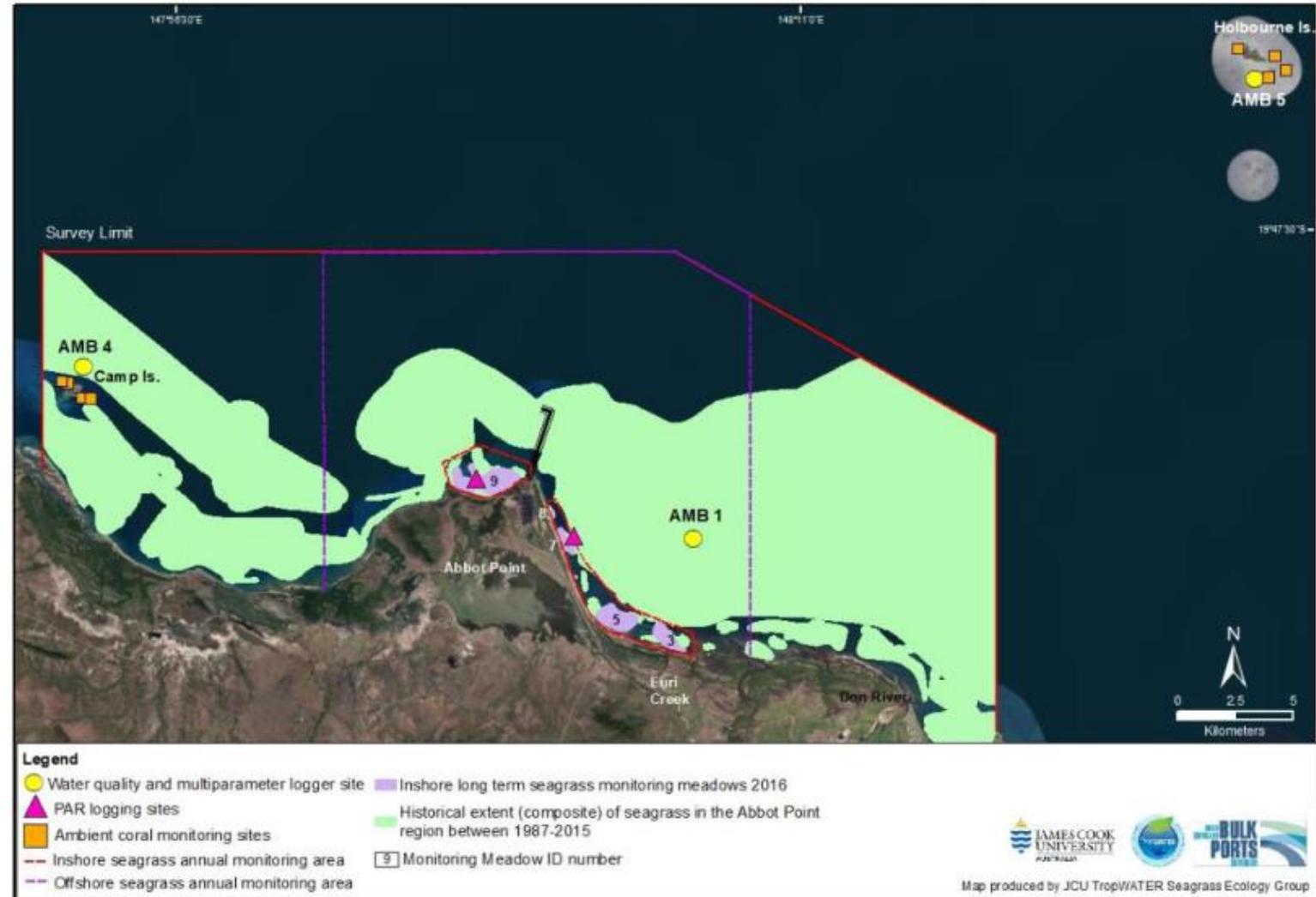
NQBP Surveillance Cam Locations



# Ambient Marine Monitoring Program



- Completed as part of JCU Partnership
- Focused on:
  - Seagrass (annual surveys)
  - Coral – Camp and Holbourne Islands (twice yearly)
  - Marine water quality (permanent seafloor loggers with additional sampling every 8 weeks)
- Purpose is to understand condition and track trends overtime
- Technical reports available on NQBP website
- Public dashboards also available on NQBP website

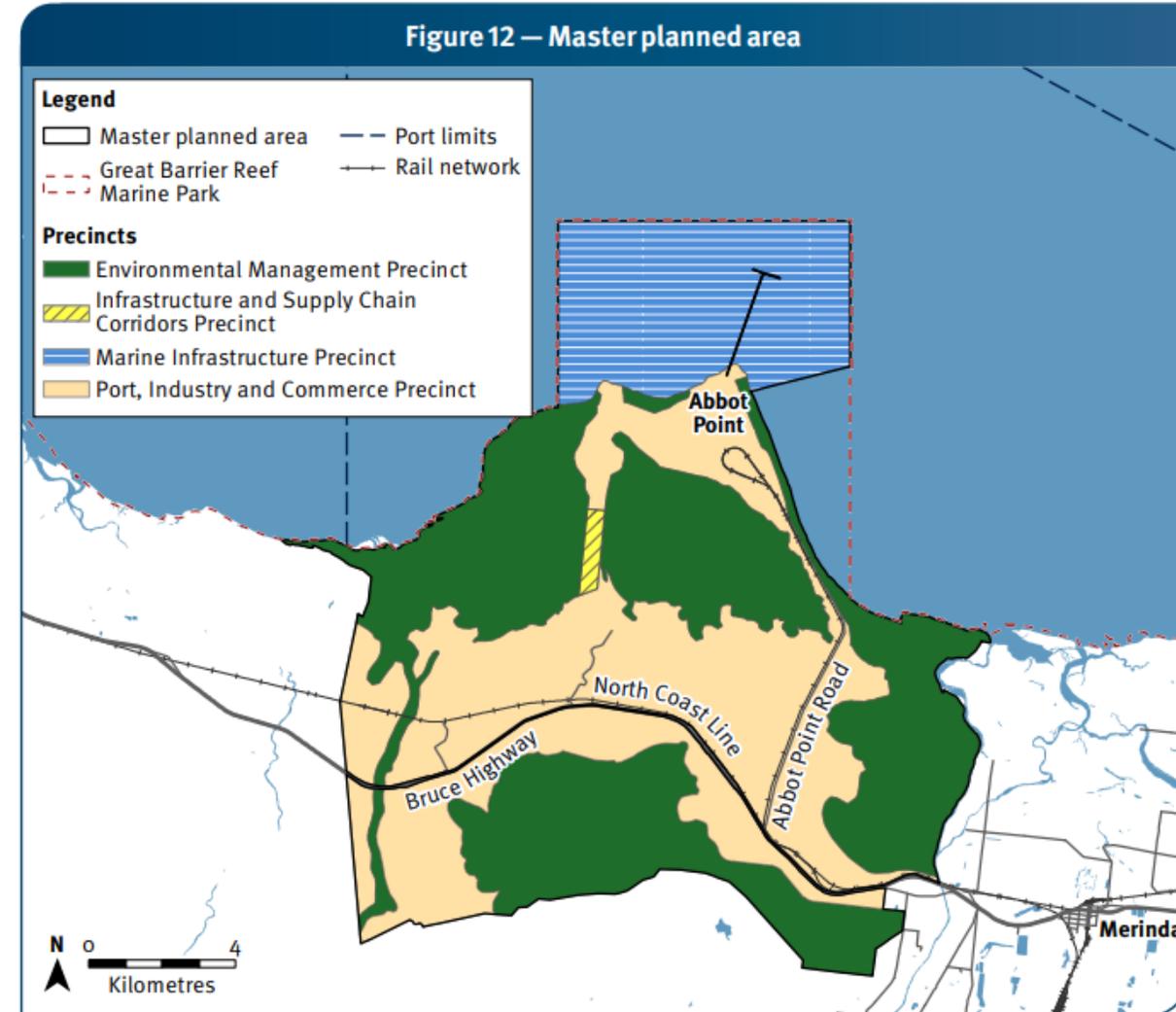


# Abbot Point Master Plan



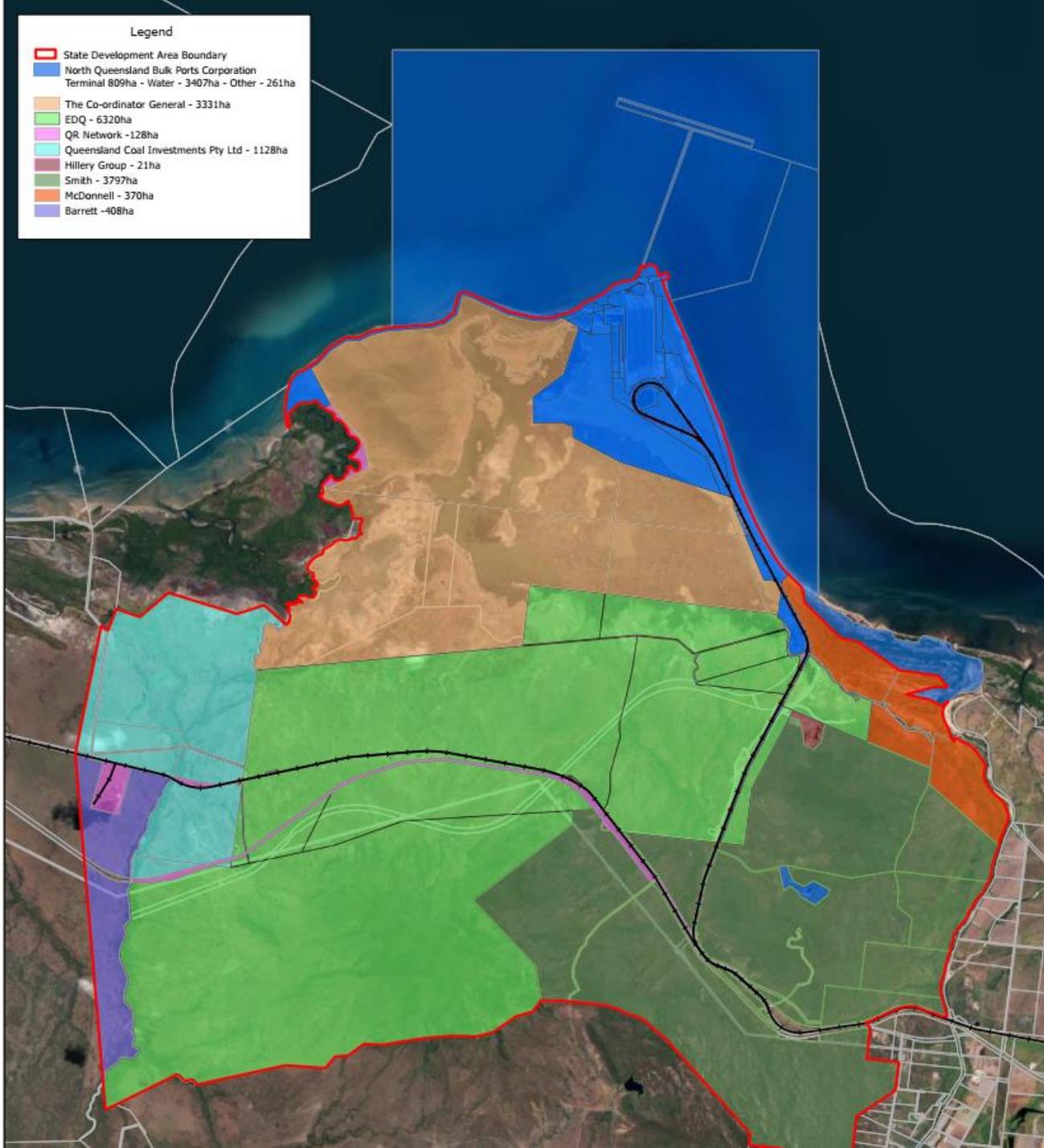
- **Master Plan for Priority Port of Abbot Point** released late 2023
- Requirement under *Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015*
- Sets out **Priority Management Measure (PMM)** for implementation of a Coordinated Management Strategy
- Funding secured through **Abbot Point Activation Initiative** to deliver PMM in partnership with Office of Coordinator General and Economic Development Queensland
- Stage 1 involves development of **Environmental and Cultural Values Management Plans** for the Master Plan Area.

Priority management measure	Master planned area precinct
<b>Protect and enhance the Caley Valley Wetlands</b> Prepare and implement a <b>coordinated management strategy</b> which integrates economic, environmental and cultural values to protect and enhance the Caley Valley Wetlands and associated environmental values.	Environmental management
	Infrastructure and supply chain corridors
	Marine infrastructure
	Port industry and commerce



**Legend**

- State Development Area Boundary
- North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation  
Terminal 809ha - Water - 3407ha - Other - 261ha
- The Co-ordinator General - 3331ha
- EDQ - 6320ha
- QR Network - 128ha
- Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd - 1128ha
- Hillery Group - 21ha
- Smith - 3797ha
- McDonnell - 370ha
- Barrett - 408ha





# Indigenous Program

- Education Pathways
- Partnerships



# Education Pathways

## Indigenous Scholarships and Bursaries

NQBP partners with Central Queensland University and James Cook University to offer:

- CQUnicares NQBP University Scholarship x 1, up to \$15,000
- CQUnicares NQBP VET Scholarships x 2, each up to \$7,500
- CQUnicares NQBP Bursary x 5, each \$1,000
- JCU NQBP Bursary x 5, each \$1,000

## Career Fairs and Open Days

NQBP works with community partners to facilitate career days which show case opportunities within the Bowen and Abbot Point area.

- Cowboys House careers days
- Feros Care open day

## UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE WITH NORTH QUEENSLAND BULK PORTS (NQBP)

Looking to kick-start your career with financial support?

North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQBP) is proud to offer scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in the Mackay/Sarina, Bowen, or Weipa regions as part of our Indigenous Program. Explore opportunities to build a brighter future:

### CQUNICARES NQBP VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) SCHOLARSHIPS

The CQUniCares North Queensland Bulk Ports VET Scholarship provides recognition and financial assistance to a deserving Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student enrolled in any Certificate III, Certificate IV or Diploma VET course who resides in the Mackay/Sarina, Bowen, or Weipa regions.

#### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

- Scholarship Value: Up to \$7,500
- Length of Scholarship: Three (3) years
- Number Available: Two (2)
- Opening Date: 6 May 2025
- Applications close: 2 June 2025

### CQUNICARES NQBP BURSARIES

The CQUniCares North Queensland Bulk Ports Bursaries will provide recognition and financial assistance to a deserving Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Start Uni Now (SUN) or Start TAFE Now (STN) student who resides in the Mackay/Sarina, Bowen or Weipa regions.

#### BURSARY DETAILS:

- Scholarship Value: \$1,000
- Number Available: Five (5)
- Opening Date: 6 May 2025
- Applications close: 2 June 2025

### Why Choose NQBP?

We are committed to building opportunities for our communities and developing the next generation of leaders. These scholarships and bursaries are part of our Indigenous Program Education Pathway.

North Queensland Bulk Ports – Supporting your journey to success!



LEARN MORE AND  
APPLY TODAY:  
VISIT [NQBP.COM.AU](http://NQBP.COM.AU)



# Partnerships



## Land Management and Ranger Programs

We partner with Juru Enterprises Limited (JEL) to undertake land and sea management.

The program provides for development of skills and building confidence in delivering business outcomes.

Land and sea management:

- Weed control, re-vegetation, slashing, fire management across Abbot Point.
- Turtle monitoring during nesting season
- Water quality monitoring with JCU partners.



*Turtle monitoring*

# Commercial and maritime

- Proponent ready



# Abbot Point Future Development



NQBP is actively supporting proponent development of future fuels export trade opportunities at Abbot Point

- **Port planning**
  - Land use planning & infrastructure siting
  - Road, laydown, MOF, corridor reviews
  - Production and export feasibility studies
- **Industry and stakeholder engagement**
  - Proponent and government agency engagement
  - Facilitation of approvals and studies
  - Operating model development
- **Partnerships and collaboration**
  - Common user infrastructure development
  - Coordination with government agencies including OCG, EDQ, Powerlink, Sunwater
  - Environmental and cultural values program, funded through the Abbot Point Activation Initiative



## Ark is delaying the Han Ho H2 project at Abbot Point to 2035

- The project originally targeted 1.2mtpa green ammonia exports by 2030, so this is a significant delay.
- The key trigger for Ark appears to be indicative pricing of offtake agreements hasn't been at a level to justify commercial viability of the project and further development at this point in time.
- As a result, development work has been paused and Ark has disbanded their project team.
- However, they still intend to progress some priority workstreams, in particular they are still planning on lodging an EPBC referral this calendar year.

# Community

- Annual CRG sponsorship
- New sponsorships and donations



# Annual CRG sponsorship



The CRG has an annual **\$5,000** sponsorship budget to support community initiatives.

## 2024-25 successful applicant

- Bowen State High School
- Mindfulness Market (Qld Mental Health Week)
- To be held on 15 – 30 October 2025
- Will bring targeted school and professional services together for students and staff to invest in their life through wellbeing activities and mental health resources.



## 4-12 October 2025

*Connect for mental health*



SELF



COMMUNITY



OTHERS



NATURE

# Recent sponsorships and donations



Recent successful applications / events:

- 2025 Bowen Multicultural Festival
- 2025 Pioneer Maritime Club Golf Day
- 2025 Don River Dash
- 2025 Whitsunday Mayor's Charity Ball
- 2025 GEMFM Corporate Partner



*NQBP sponsored the fireworks at the recent Bowen Multicultural Festival.*



# General Business

- Gilmour Space
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- Maritime Safety Queensland



# Next meeting

- Tuesday 11 November 2025
- Please provide suggested agenda items to Emilie





**Thank you**