



Bowen and Abbot Point CRG

16 July 2026

Chair: Emilie Power



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.

National Reconciliation Week & NAIDOC



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. Commercial and Maritime Services
6. Infrastructure
7. Maintenance and Operations update
8. Environment update
9. Indigenous Program 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
Matt Bowkett (Proxy)	Port Industry representative – Engage Marine	Yes	Employed as NQ Regional Manager 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
Clint Mason	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
James Gilmour	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
Luana Land (Proxy)	Port Advisory Group representative – Gilmour Space	Yes	Current employee of Gilmour Space	2/03/2026
Alex Cramb	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
Max Haste	Maritime Safety Queensland representative	Yes	An employee and representative of Maritime Safety Queensland (Dept Transport and Main Roads).	09/09/2024
Bradley Stout	Juru Enterprise Representative	Yes	Chairperson of Juru Enterprise Limited	09/09/2024
Donna Turner	Environmental representative – Dry Tropics	Yes	No conflict declared.	23/09/2024
Mark Smith	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

Conflict of Interest Register



Name	Position	Form received (Yes/No)	Nature and Extent of Interest	Date
David Paddon	Local Business representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	21/09/2024
Vacant	Youth Community representative			
Cheryl Bullemor	Recreational representative – NQ Cruising Yacht Club	Yes	No conflict declared.	30/01/2025
Stephanie Cora	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	31/01/2025
Lorraine Maltby	Community representative – Probus Club	Yes	No conflict declared.	11/09/2024
Richard Roberts	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	11/02/2025
Glenda Robertson	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	25/09/2024
Barney Menzies	Bowen Chamber of Commerce	Yes	No conflict declared	13/11/2025
Damien Dederer	APO Industry representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	30/06/2025
Mayor Ry Collins	Whitsunday Regional Council	Yes	No conflict declared.	25/03/2024
Johnathan Cutting (Proxy)	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 of 16 March 2026

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	5/3/26	Communications	July 2026	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	2/4/2026
2	NQBP to publish minutes on website and notify CRG members so they can share through their networks.	CRG	5/3/26	Communications	July 2026	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	13/4/2026
3	Request for additional agenda items to be sent four weeks prior to next meeting.	CRG	5/3/26	Communications	July 2026	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	15/4/2026
4	Circulate NQBP Economic Impact Study to CRG Members	CRG	5/3/26	Communications	July 2026	Email sent to CRG members with link to EIS on website	Closed	8/4/2026
5	Send reminder email regarding CRG sponsorship nominations and criteria	CRG	5/3/26	Communications	March 2026	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	06/03/26
6	Circulate Bowen State Boat Harbour Master Plan information provided by MSQ	CRG	5/3/26	Communications	July 2026	Information included in minutes from meeting	Closed	2/4/2026
7	Consider development of short visual updates for CRG members to share with community groups	CRG	5/3/26	Communications	July 2026	Emailed to CRG	Closed	26/5/26

Commercial and Maritime Services

- Accelerating Fuel Infrastructure program
- EOI – Vessel Maintenance Facility



Accelerating Fuel Infrastructure Program



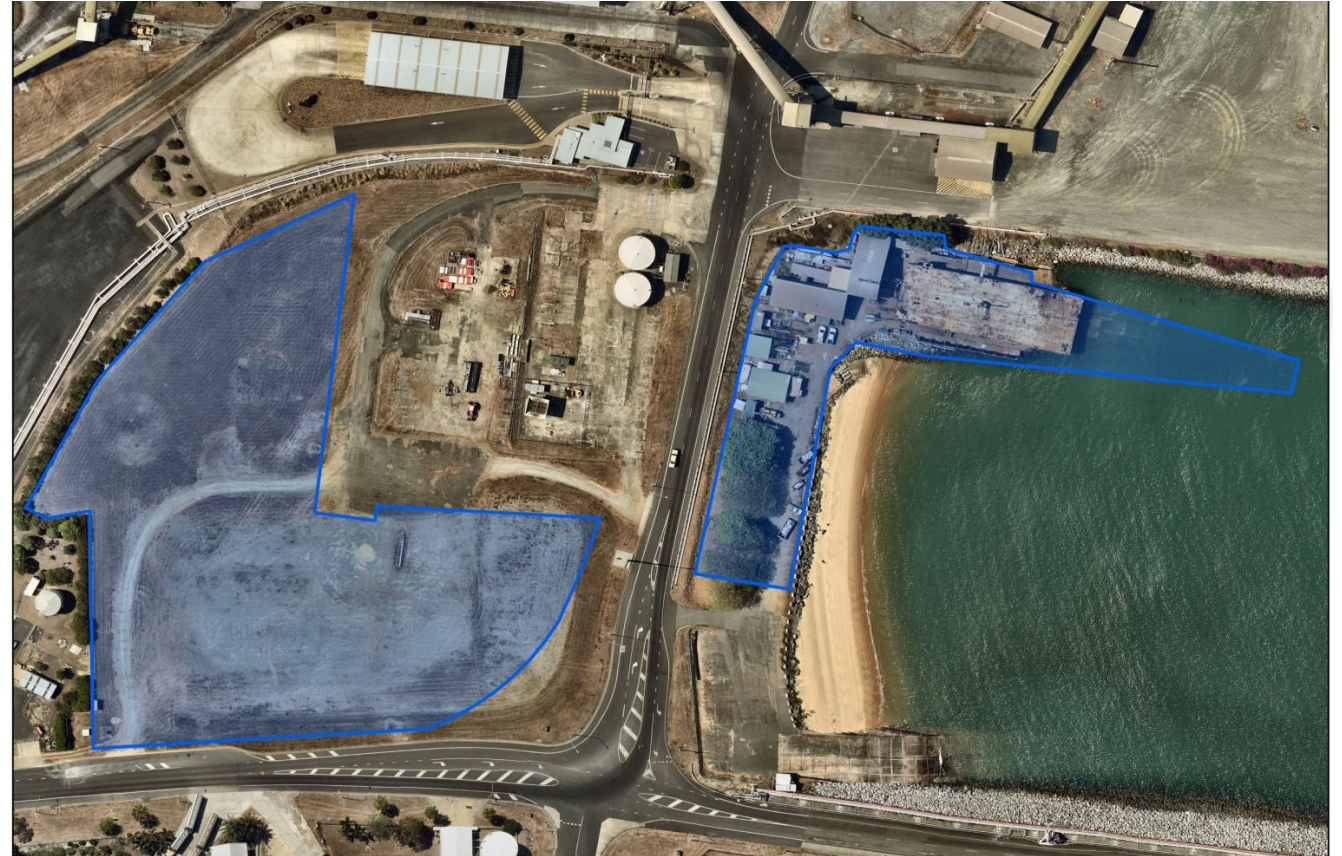
Port of Mackay



Port of Abbot Point

Vessel Maintenance Facility

- Located within the Port of Mackay.
- Existing maritime infrastructure, including a slipway, hardstand and workshops.
- Supports vessels servicing Mackay, Hay Point and Abbot Point.
- Existing lease is coming to an end.
- Procurement process underway to identify a long-term commercial operator.



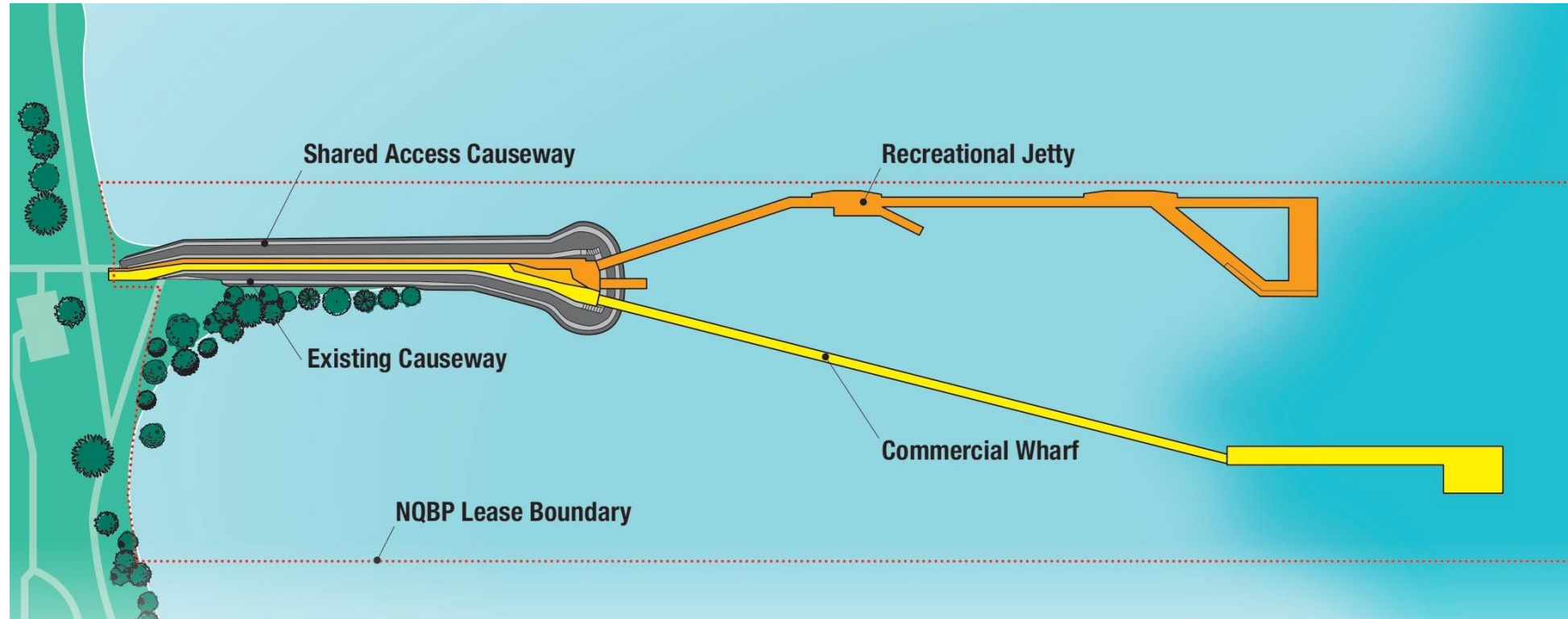
Blue boundary indicates above & below high-water lease area

Infrastructure

- Bowen Marine Infrastructure Replacement Project



Bowen Marine Infrastructure Replacement Project



Reference
Design

Tendering

Planning
Approvals

Commercial
Wharf
Business
Case

Environment & Planning Approvals Update

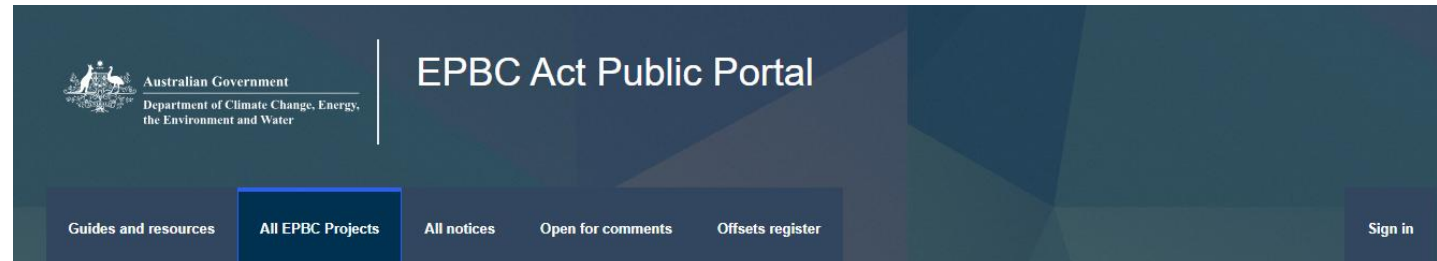


EPBC Referral Lodged

- NQBP has lodged the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) referral for the Bowen Marine Infrastructure Replacement Project (BMIRP).
- The referral is now live on the Australian Government's EPBC Act Public Portal for public viewing and comment.
- The public comment period is 10 business days.

What's next?

- State planning approvals under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* and *Planning Act 2016* are expected to be lodged later this year.



i The Minister invites public comment for each referral regarding whether the proposed action is a controlled action. Under section 74(3) of the EPBC Act, proposed actions are open for comment for 10 business days. Guidance on how to make a public comment is available at [Public comments and decisions on actions referred under the EPBC Act - DCCEEW](#).

The EPBC Public Portal is best viewed through a desktop, laptop or tablet. If you wish to make a comment using a mobile device go to [Open for Comments](#). Please note, only one document can be uploaded per submission. The size limit of the file must not exceed 10MB.

All EPBC Projects

EPBC Number	Project	Proposer/Approval Holder Name	Industry Type	Valid Date From
Valid Date To	Primary Jurisdiction			
Apply Filter				

Bowen Jetty and Commercial Wharf Timeline



Completed	Current	Next
✓ Community consultation completed ✓ Concept design completed ✓ Environmental assessments completed ✓ EPBC Referral lodged ✓ Design and Construction Expression of Interest (EOI) issued	● Business Case process and approvals for commercial wharf ● Design and construction EOI shortlisting ● EPBC Referral ● State planning approvals ● Reference design ● Local supplier registrations	■ Construction contract award in 2027 ■ Demolition and construction start in 2027 ■ Completion of recreational jetty late 2028 ■ Commercial wharf completion planned for 2029 (subject to planning and environmental approvals)

Maintenance and Operations



Maintenance and operations

General updates

- Wild dog trapping program completed in April – low wild dog activity observed. Program to be repeated in September 2026.
- Blasting and painting of bollards, ladders and grab rails at Abbot Point MOF underway (15 June –17 July).
- Western Access Road graded 16–17 June.
- Small fire at Engage tug berths on 8 June. Area inspected and operations continued as normal.



Environment

- EMS recertification



EMS recertification

- Our Environmental Management System (EMS) is recertified to ISO 14001
- Valid until 2029
- No major or minor non-compliances
- Six 'opportunities for improvement'





Indigenous Program



Indigenous Program update



- HE and VET Scholarship awarded for Semester 2, 2026
- Next round of scholarships will be open for Semester 1, 2027
- Juru Enterprises Limited (JEL) busy building skills and looking after country at Abbot Point
 - Commence new land and sea management contract
 - Undertaking oil spill response training



NAIDOC celebrations



NQBP supported NAIDOC events across our Port Communities



Community

- Sponsorships and Donations
- Community Fund update
- Annual CRG sponsorship



Recent sponsorships and donations



Recent successful applications

/ events:

- 2026 Bowen Multicultural Festival
- 2026 Bowen Polocrosse Carnival
- 2026 Bowen NAIDOC Week
- 2026 Whitsunday Mayors Charity Ball
- FOGS (Former Origin Greats) Junior Rugby League Clinic



NQBP supported the FOGS (Former Origin Greats) tour and Bowen Seagulls Junior Rugby League clinic in April.

Community Fund update



- Recipients announced at NQBP's Community Fund Recognition Event in June 2026.
- 13 community organisations across Mackay, Hay Point, Bowen and Weipa sharing in \$100,000.
- Funding will support initiatives focused on youth engagement, mental health awareness, accessibility, environmental education and community participation.
- The program continues to support projects that strengthen social connection and deliver practical community outcomes across our port communities.
- This year's program attracted 84 applications, the strongest response since the Community Fund was established.



2026-27 Community Fund recipients:



Port of Mackay

Pioneer Catchment Landcare

Wetland Walkabout trail restoration to improve access and environmental education

MARABISDA Inc

Regional First Nations business expo to support Indigenous business growth

Grapevine Group Association Inc

Suicide awareness campaign promoting warning signs and support services

Eimeo Surf Lifesaving Club

New equipment to support youth pathways and volunteer patrols

Crossroad Arts

Inclusive arts event celebrating diversity and community participation

Family & Children's Emerging Support Services

Youth program reconnecting young people with education and community

The Neighbourhood Hub

Digital storytelling project capturing and sharing community voices

Mackay Yamadi Lera Yumi Meta Assoc Inc

Community centre upgrades to improve comfort, safety and accessibility

The Friends of the MECC

Program removing financial barriers for students to access live arts

Port of Abbot Point

Bowen Mudcrabs Rugby Union

Facility upgrades to improve access, safety and inclusion in sport

Marine Rescue Queensland Bowen

Infrastructure upgrades to support safe and reliable rescue operations

Port of Hay Point

Sarina & District Historical Centre

Museum upgrades to preserve and showcase local history

Port of Weipa

Weipa Running Festival

Annual community event raising funds for local charities



Annual CRG sponsorship

The CRG has confirmed the recipient of the annual **\$5,000** sponsorship to support community initiatives.

The 2025-26 successful applicant

- Bowen Art Society
- New Community Art Hub in Bowen
- Improving accessibility and creating a central space for members and the community.



Facility access

- New ‘Facility Access’ feature launched on NQBP website.
- Provides real-time updates on whether ports and community facilities are open, closed or impacted by weather, operational activity or works.
- Easy-to-access source of information.

Website:
www.nqbp.com.au/facility-access



Contact us

Facility Access

Our ports

Operations

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Port of Hay Point

open

Port of Mackay

open

Port of Abbot Point

open

Port of Weipa

open

Community Assets

Southern Breakwater

open

Bowen Jetty

open

Kommo Toera Trail

open

Old Mulherin Park

open

Mt Bassett look out

open

Hay Point look out

open

North Wall Rec Area

open

Learn more

Facility Access

Planning a visit? Check the latest access status for facilities across our ports. This page provides up to date info facilities are open, closed or impacted due to weather, operational activity or other conditions.

Ports

The following information relates to access at NQBP's commercial ports. Access to operational port areas is rest requirements, operational activity or weather conditions.



Open



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General Business

- Abbot Point Operations
- Gilmour Space
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- Maritime Safety Queensland
- CRG community member updates



Next meeting

- Thursday 19 November 2026
- Please provide suggested agenda items to Ange





Thank you