



The Environmental Impact Assessment Process

The Notional Seaway Project has been declared a 'Significant Project' under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared in accordance with that Act.

The terms of reference were released in January 2006 following receipt of public comment on the draft terms. The scope of the technical studies for the EIS is based on the final Terms of Reference.

Key issues to be considered in the EIS are potential impacts on:

- hydrodynamics (tidal, sediment transport and flooding)
- coastal environment (marine ecology, water quality and wave quality on adjacent beaches)
- terrestrial (land) environment
- social impacts (such as recreational use of The Spit and Broadwater, fishing, diving, surfing and boating)
- cultural and indigenous heritage
- road network and traffic
- air emissions, noise and vibration
- surrounding land uses and land use planning
- economic issues (potential impacts on local and regional businesses)
- safety and emergency services
- waste management.

Notional Seaway Project



Concept design can also be viewed on the project website at www.ghd.com.au/notional_seaway

The Notional Seaway Project is part of the overall Gold Coast Marine Development and is described in the Initial Advice Statement for the precinct. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) investigations are considering the cruise ship terminal and a marina in the marine stadium.

To assist in the EIS investigations, a design concept has been prepared for the Notional Seaway Project. This design concept (above) was released by the Government on 21 April 2006.

The Government has defined the Notional Seaway Project so that it may receive independent professional advice on the environmental aspects (including social, cultural and economic) of this element of the Gold Coast Marine Development. The findings of the investigation will inform future government decision making.

Project proponent

The Government has established the Gold Coast Marine Development Project Board to act as proponent for the project. On the advice of the Board, the Government appointed GHD Pty Ltd to prepare an EIS for the Notional Seaway Project.

Community Information Day

GHD is seeking community input into the EIS and is holding several community information days to provide information on the project and opportunities for community comment on the studies. The second information day is on **Thursday 15 June 2006** between noon and 7pm at the project Information Centre, located adjacent to Q Transport at 40-44 Seaworld Drive, The Spit. Members of the GHD project team will be on hand to outline the EIS process and provide an update on the progress of the technical studies.

Information Day a local drawcard

The first Information Day was held on Friday 21 April 2006 between noon and 7pm at the project Information Centre located adjacent to Queensland Transport at 40-44 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach. Approximately 140 community members representing a cross-section of residents, interest groups and local businesses visited the display throughout the day to meet the project team and see the Notional Seaway design concept.

Interest on the day focused on the concept and visitors took advantage of the opportunity to ask the GHD project team detailed questions about the concept elements and the studies being undertaken.

Comments received on the day highlighted the concerns held by community members. Visitors who registered their attendance have been added to the database and will be kept informed as the project progresses.

Media interest in the Information Day was high with a media conference to highlight the day attracting television, radio and newspaper representatives resulting in widespread coverage.

Community members are being asked to make their views known via the attached feedback form or written submission.



Next Information Day

The next Information Day will be held on **Thursday 15 June 2006** from noon to 7pm, at the Information Centre located at Seaworld Drive, The Spit (adjacent to Q Transport at 40-44 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach).

Members of the project team will be on hand to provide a snapshot of the work undertaken to date.





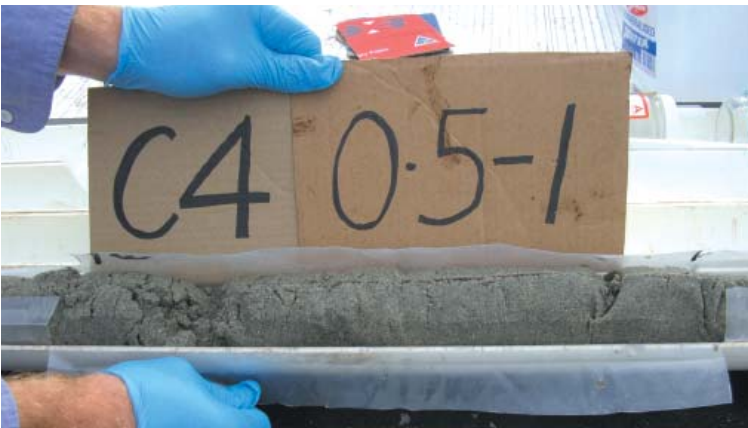
Key emerging issues

Extensive community consultation has already been undertaken, including the first Information Day, distribution of the feedback form, social impact assessment focus groups and face-to-face interviews.

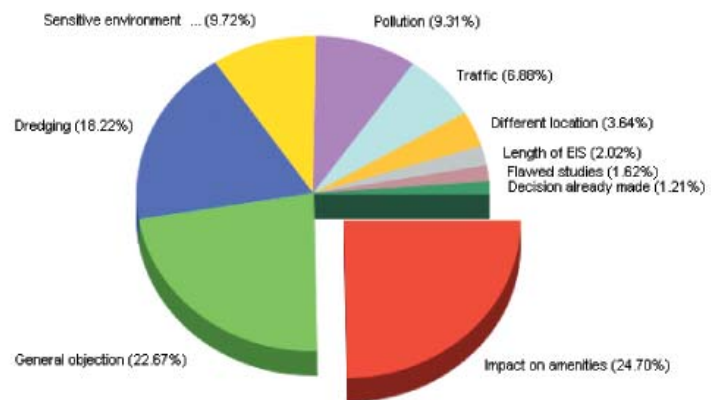
The following chart summarises the key emerging community issues. This information is based on community input received up to 26 May 2006 via the project toll free number, email, feedback forms and written or electronic submissions.

EIS update

Key EIS studies are progressing with the site surveys, sediment sampling and social impact assessment focus groups completed. Water quality sampling is continuing and an additional dive is planned as part of the aquatic habitat survey. Data analysis and modelling will now be undertaken.



Issues Raised: 4 Apr 2006 - 26 May 2006



These issues reflect early community input. Some changes may occur as community consultation progresses and as information on the outcomes of the studies is released.

Consultation is ongoing and all formal correspondence is considered during the preparation of the EIS studies.



Notional concept on permanent display

The Notional Seaway concept is on display at the Gold Coast City Council Administration Centre, 135 Bundall Road, Bundall, for the duration of the project.



The EIS Consultant




GHD is an international professional services company whose people deliver innovative solutions by combining technical experience with an understanding of project objectives. GHD serves the global market sectors of infrastructure, mining and industry, defence, property and buildings, and the environment. GHD has an established reputation in providing rigorous environmental assessment for major infrastructure projects within the marine environment.

GHD's technical and scientific specialists are investigating the potential environmental impacts (which include social, cultural and economic impacts) associated with the Notional Seaway Project and are preparing management measures to mitigate any potential impacts.





Have Your Say

GHD is undertaking detailed community consultation during the EIS and is seeking community input into the studies. To have your say, contact the project team by visiting the information days or send written submissions by:

-  E-mail: notionalseawayproject@ghd.com.au
-  Free post: Notional Seaway EIS project team
Reply paid 668
Brisbane 4001
-  Freefax: 1800 339 022

The closing date for submissions is Friday 14 July 2006.

-  Free call: 1800 097 481
-  Or visit the project website at www.ghd.com.au/notional_seaway

Further information on the project can be viewed at:
<http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/eis>



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FEEDBACK FORM

GHD is undertaking detailed community consultation during the EIS and is seeking community input into the studies. Please provide your comments under the following headings, which correspond to the concept and the studies to be undertaken:

Notional concept

Dredging

Dredging and spoil disposal

Hydrodynamics

Tides, waves, sediment transport, water quality and flooding

Coastal environment

Flora and fauna, water quality, and sediment loads

Social impacts

Open space and recreational activities, population and service provision, and residents and spit users

Other

Please attach separate sheets if this space is not sufficient.

Please provide your contact details to help us establish the authenticity of your comments.

Name

Address

Suburb

Postcode

Phone

E-mail

Please return the completed form before Friday 14 July 2006.

Privacy: GHD will only use this information for the purposes of the Notional Seaway Project Environmental Impact Statement.

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