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Gladstone Ports Corporation to resume coal operations this weekend

The Port of Gladstone is expecting its first shipments of coal for export by this weekend.

Gladstone Ports Corporation CEO Leo Zussino said Queensland Rail (QR) had advised the rail link to the Dawson Mine at Moura is operational.

“This will enable the port to recommence shiploading on Saturday January 15,” Mr Zussino stated.

“QR has advised that work has commenced on repairing sections of the Blackwater line with an emphasis on the Aroona area.

“They are confident of having trains move on January 21 for the closer mines such as Curragh, Yarrabee, Jellinbah, Lake Vermont and Blackwater.

“There are six trains stowed which were loaded prior to Christmas in various locations along the line.

“We are working closely with QR to plan the unloading of these trains.”

Eight vessels remain at anchor at Fairway Buoy.

Mr Zussino said the terminal’s major maintenance programme has been moved forward to ensure the port is at maximum readiness when the flood conditions ease and the Blackwater rail line reopens.

Meanwhile the Port of Bundaberg remains closed to commercial shipping due to the flooded Burnett River.

Port Alma also remains closed to commercial shipping due to flood conditions in the Rockhampton area.

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