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First coal shipments from the Blackwater line expected to arrive at the Port of Gladstone this week

The Port of Gladstone is expecting its first shipments of coal from the Blackwater line by the end of this week.

Gladstone Ports Corporation CEO Leo Zussino said QR National has advised the Blackwater rail system is anticipated to open by Thursday with a planned throughput of 100,000 tonne of coal per day.

“A number of mines are operating and building stock in readiness for the planned re-opening,” Mr Zussino said.

“With the Moura rail line open and the Dawson, Callide and Boundary Hill mines railing coal the port of Gladstone can now start ramping up our export capacity.

“Based on supply chain delivery we would expect to be able to load around 2 million tonne of coal this month with the port reaching full capacity by the end of March.

“That is contingent on there being no more catastrophic weather events such as we experienced this month.”

Mr Zussino said there were 10 vessels at anchor with a further six vessels scheduled to arrive over the coming week.

“Our stockpile remains at a critical low of just over 300,000 tonnes,” Mr Zussino said.

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

“The port remains closed due to flood material in the berth pocket, channel and swing basin,” Mr Zussino explained.

“Port Alma will remain closed to commercial shipping until we can assess the impact of the floods.

“Survey work is intended to be undertaken between the 20th and 24th of this month,” Mr Zussino said.

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