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Gladstone Ports Corporation receives first shipment of coal since floodwaters covered Central Queensland

Two train loads of coal have made it through flood stricken Central Queensland to Gladstone Ports Corporation's RG Tanna Coal Terminal.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said the two train loads came from the Moura line and arrived on Tuesday.

"These two trains had been loaded prior to the flooding and had been stored along the line before being stranded by floodwaters.

"At this stage we don't expect any more coal from the Moura rail system until the end of next week."

Mr Walker said coal stocks at the port remain extremely low.

"We are waiting on coal shippers to reschedule waiting vessels," Mr Walker said.

"We have one ship loader on standby should vessels be re-scheduled by shipping agents to match any remaining coal at the port."

Currently 18 vessels are at anchor off the port with a further 12 expected over the next 10 days.

Mr Walker added GPC will wait on the re-establishment of the coal rail haulage system in the coming weeks.

"In the meantime we will use this opportunity to move forward the maintenance programme at the terminal," Mr Walker said.

Meanwhile Port Alma has been closed due to the flow of floodwaters and siltation. Mr Walker said Port Alma would be surveyed as soon as practicable to assess the situation and ensure it is safe to reopen the port.

The Port of Bundaberg remains closed until a further survey of the channel is carried out on Friday of this week.

"We expect to have some results of the survey over the weekend," Mr Walker said.

Mr Walker added that an initial inspection of the navigational aids has been completed and the port has lost a number of beacons and buoys.

“The Port of Bundaberg will not be able to reopen until navigational aids are sufficient and the port is deemed safe by Maritime Safety Queensland,” Mr Walker stated.

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