

## **GPC commences investigations to improve safe passage of vessels through Clinton Channel**

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Preliminary investigations are now underway for Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC) Clinton Vessel Interaction Project, which will explore options to improve the safe passage of vessels through the Clinton Channel in front of GPC's RG Tanna Coal Terminal wharf.

Geotechnical and geochemical sampling equipment, including a large jack up barge, have now been mobilised in the Clinton Channel in front of RG Tanna Coal Terminal wharf, with sampling to be undertaken for a period of approximately 11 days.

GPC Chief Executive Officer, Peter O'Sullivan said the geotechnical and geochemical analysis will determine the nature of soil materials in the Clinton Channel to inform a preliminary business case for the project.

"The detailed business case, including a recommended option, will be finalised later this year and works on the preferred option are anticipated to commence in 2017.

"GPC will keep the community fully informed of any developments as the corporation continues investigative work on the project," Mr O'Sullivan said.

For more information about the Clinton Vessel Interaction Project, visit GPC's website, <http://gpcl.com.au/Pages/Media-Releases/GPC-commences-investigations-to-improve-safe-passage-of-vessels-through-Clinton-Channel.aspx>



***A jack up barge, like the one pictured above, has been mobilised in the Clinton Channel to undertake geotechnical and geochemical sampling as part of current investigations to reduce the impact of vessel interactions through the Clinton Channel.***

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