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Western Basin EIS open for public scrutiny

Gladstone residents are being invited to have their say on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Western Basin Dredging and Disposal project.

The Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) released its EIS on the project on the weekend.

Mr Zussino said the Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project had been initiated to facilitate the long term access to the existing and proposed Western Basin port facilities.

"It will incorporate dredging associated with the deepening and widening of existing channels and swing basins, and the creation of new channels, swing basins and berth pockets," Mr Zussino said.

"It will also be a key component in the development of future industry in the region, including the LNG industry.

Mr Zussino said the area to be dredged would be compensated with significant environmental offsets, in line with stringent state government legislation.

"I expect the nature of these offsets will be finalised at the completion of the EIS process," he stated.

The EIS explores the potential environmental, cultural, social and economic impacts that may be associated with the proposed dredging project.

It also details studies, findings and information on mitigation strategies.

Mr Zussino said a community information session would be held on Thursday December 3, from 12pm to 6pm at the Rydges Gladstone Hotel.

"This is a perfect opportunity for residents to meet our project team, discuss the development and provide feedback on the project," he said.

Further information on the EIS is available on the GPC website at http://www.gpcl.com.au/Project_Western_Basin_Dredging_&_Disposal.html

The EIS will be on public display from Monday 16 November through to Friday 18 December.

Copies are available at the Gladstone City Library, the Boyne Island Library and the Calliope Library.

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