

Technical Advisory Consultative Committee

Meeting #6 Monday 19 September 2022

Chair's Summary

The TasPorts Technical Advisory Consultative Committee (TACC) deals specifically with providing advice to TasPorts on dredging and dredge spoil disposal. Additional information on the TACC may be found at [Technical Advisory Committee \(tasports.com.au\)](https://tasports.com.au).

The TACC held its seventh meeting on the 19th September. Most participants met in the Quoiba Room at the Devonport Paranaple Centre. Those using Teams were: Fionna Bourne (EPA), Sven Frijlink (DNRE), Wendy Doran (Harbour Master TasPorts), Andrew Shelverton

Present at the Paranaple Centre in person were: Ian Cartwright (TACC Chair), Terry Travers (Mersey Yacht Club), Jim Otterson (community representative), Stuart Richey (TSIC), Tim Hess (TSIC), Sam Wilson-Haffenden (TasPorts), Susan McLeod (TasPorts), Rhys Menadue (TasPorts) and Caroline Lindus (ERA Planning & Environment).

The major purposes of the meeting were to advise the TACC on progress with the early stages of the Devonport Maintenance Dredging Programme, updates on the QuayLink project and the seabed levelling activity and a review of the operations and outcomes of TACC to date. The Committee made visit to the QuayLink site and were briefed on details, scale and location of the proposed dredging activities.

QuayLink project The TACC received a QuayLink project update. The contract for the dredging work has been awarded to a contractor and the dredging equipment is scheduled to be mobilised in mid-late November, with works commencing in December and continuing until February 2023. It was confirmed that the methodology will involve dredging from a barge and moving the spoil to shore to be de-watered and transported offsite. The dredge monitoring plan will take account of the additional sediment transport modelling discussed at an earlier TACC meeting.

Maintenance Dredging. AW Maritime (AWM) provided an overview of how the different maintenance dredging options available will be evaluated using multi-criteria analysis. The analysis will take account of project aims, and the views of all the relevant stakeholders. The AWM team is in the process of creating key assessment criteria, which will include factors such as the costs and environmental impacts of different dredging options. These criteria will be weighted in order of importance by members of an assessment panel, to produce a shortlist of preferred options. Additional studies may be required to refine that list. The TACC will be consulted throughout the options selection process and will provide feedback into the initial screening and the shortlisted options for maintenance dredging. The contractor will be responsible for continuously monitoring sediment transport at upstream and downstream sites and will, as required, implement a series of escalating actions according to an EPA-approved Dredge Management Plan

Seabed Levelling update It is anticipated that seabed levelling activities will commence by the 30 September with around 50 days of work planned. The work will occur most days, with hours of operation between 6am and 10pm and based around shipping and contract works within the port. The majority of the work will be in the channel, upstream of the basin, along the eastern side and adjacent to 4 west. The rest of the works are relatively minor.

Operation of the TACC. Committee reviewed the TACC process to determine if any improvements could be made. All members expressed general satisfaction with the operation of the TACC, with TasPorts noting the advice provided was useful. Some members indicated that the TACC should

consider taking on a broader role and TasPorts will consider this issue and report back to the next meeting.

The next TACC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 2 November at 11am.