



Lakes Entrance Sand Management Program 2006-2010

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Program Update No. 2

Agency endorsement of the LESMP Implementation Plan

The Gippsland Ports Board endorsed the LESMP Implementation Plan at its March meeting. In April the Gippsland Ports CEO wrote to relevant statutory agencies seeking their endorsement. Gippsland Ports anticipates receiving endorsement from agencies by mid May.

Procurement Guidelines

Guidelines have been prepared to guide all procurement activities over the life of the LESMP. The Guidelines will ensure all procurement is undertaken as efficiently as possible and complies with relevant Government policies.

Consultancies

A number of consultants are currently being recruited to support delivery of the LESMP:

- Requests for Quotations were issued on 19 April for probity consulting services and legal consulting services. Both quotations are due on 11 May.
- Expressions of Interest were called for on 26 April for dredge management consulting services and environmental consulting services. These are also due on 11 May.

Expressions of Interest were advertised in *The Age*, Victorian State Government tenders website, local Gippsland newspapers and on the Gippsland Ports website.

Project A – Sandpiper dredge replacement

An Invitation to Tender has been drafted for the supply of a new cutter suction dredge to replace the decommissioned *Sandpiper*.

This Invitation to Tender is currently undergoing a peer review to ensure that the correct equipment being sought is clearly specified in the documentation. It is anticipated that tenders will be invited from 10 May.

Reporting

The first Quarterly Progress Report has been prepared and distributed. It is also available on the Gippsland Ports website.

Communications

The Communication Plan was finalised and communication activities are progressing in accordance with the timetable specified in the plan.

Communication activities to date include:

- A media release on the February stakeholder workshop was written and distributed which resulted in coverage in the *Lakes Post*.
- A media release on the appointment of the LESMP Program Manager was written and distributed. This resulted in a major front page story in the *Lakes Post* on 5 April and interviews with Andrew Fullard on local ABC radio and on 3TR FM.
- A promotional flyer explaining the LESMP has been written, designed and printed for distribution to delegates at the 2006 national Coast to Coast conference to be held in Melbourne in May.
- An article was written for *AusMarine* a popular fishing and boating industry magazine.

The Communication Plan has also been posted on the Gippsland Ports website.

LESMP Website

A new website for the LESMP is currently being developed that will be separate to Gippsland Port's main website. It will have links to the GP website, but will be promoted as the main source of information on the LESMP.

For information visit: www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au



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