

T-PORTS LUCKY BAY CHANNEL EXTENSION PROJECT

Project Update – March 2024

T-Ports commenced capital dredging operations between August and November 2023 to extend the channel at the Lucky Bay Common User Export Facility.

The project intends to deliver a channel from the Lucky Bay Common User Export Facility approximately 1400 metres into the Spencer Gulf [a 900-metre extension to existing 500-metre-long channel]. The extended channel will have a navigable depth of approximately 3.8 metres at lowest astronomical tide.

Dredging operations were suspended at the end of November 2023 to enable recovery of seagrass meadows surrounding the channel over the summer period and to minimise amenity impacts on the Lucky Bay shack settlement during peak occupancy.

Over the summer period, T-Ports has sought and obtained variations to the Development Approval and EPA Licence to enable the resumption of the project from 1 April 2024 with capital dredging to cease no later than 31 October 2024.

The 2024 Dredging campaign will utilise the same techniques and methodology used in 2023, with land based dewatering and disposal of dredged materials, with return water entering the environment via Lucky Bay harbour. Monitoring during and following the 2023 dredge campaign has indicated that this dredging methodology has resulted in improved water quality and seagrass conditions when compared to dewatering of dredged materials on Lucky Bay beach.

The commencement of the 2024 Dredging Campaign is scheduled for 2 April 2024 (after the conclusion of the Easter weekend), subject to weather conditions, completion of pre-dredge ecological surveys and EPA approval of an updated Dredge Management Plan.

An updated information sheet on the dredging campaign is available from the T-Ports website or by contacting T-Ports on the details below.

Stakeholders and the community are invited to provide feedback and comments to T-Ports in respect of the dredging at any time.

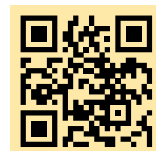
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