

### Checklist - Inland dredging application information

The following checklist provides guidance on the level of information required by the EPA to undertake an assessment of the dredge proposal. For higher-risk proposals, more detailed information may be required.

The checklist is divided into five parts:

- Applies to what activities associated with the dredge campaign will be considered in EPA's assessment.
- Assessment criteria EPA's expectations on what the information provided by the applicant needs to demonstrate.
- Resources web-based material that can be used to help inform and guide applicants.
- **Minimum information required** for the EPA to undertake a risk assessment of the environmental impacts associated with a proposed dredge campaign. Evidence will need to be provided to support your response.
- Additional information required if further information may be required under specified circumstances.

The majority of this information will be required by the EPA during the assessment of the DA for the proposed dredge campaign, or if a DA is not required, in the DMP.

denotes information required at the development application stage if it is referred to the EPA for an assessment.

If known, all information can be provided at the DA stage as this may speed up the assessment of the licence and DMP.

Variations between information provided for the DA and DMP are acceptable provided the demonstrated environmental outcomes are the same or better and are consistent with the conditions of approval for other agencies including development approval.

#### General information

Applies to	Deployment, installation, and decommissioning/removal of dredge equipment including machinery, silt curtains, geobags, pipes, pumps, etc.
	Construction of bunds, coffer dams, dewatering ponds, etc.
	Operation of dredge and other associated vessels and equipment such as booster pumps.
	Spoil management, placement and/or disposal and removal which considers the composition of the spoil.
	Washdown and maintenance of equipment and machinery.
	Refuelling of plant and equipment.
	Storage, handling, disposal and spill response of chemicals and fuels.
	Movement of equipment including trucks (drag-out).
Assessment	The need for future maintenance dredging has been considered.
criteria	All reasonable and practicable measures are undertaken to minimise or prevent the potential for environmental harm that may result from dredging and the management and disposal of spoil
	Best available technology economically qchievable (BAT) is used when planning a dredge campaign
	Social and economic implications are considered

Resc	ources	Nature Maps	
		Enviro Data SA	
		• Location maps (industry, water courses, stormwater drains, etc.)	
		<u>National Pollution Inventory</u> (data on pollutant emissions)	
		Minimum information required – Overall scope of dredging	Provided
Provi show	-	otographs and a scaled map of the dredge and spoil placement site and surrounds which	□*
	ocation and a	area to be dredged and location where spoil is to be stockpiled, dewatered and/or	
• s	supporting st	ructures;	
• 0	on-land stora	ge locations including infrastructure, fuel storage and refuelling locations;	
• v	ehicle or ve	ssel entry, exit and manoeuvring areas;	
• s	spoil placeme	ent, disposal or dewatering area;	
• a	approximate	location of watercourse;	
• b	bathymetry/land contours;		
• s	tockpiles of	waste;	
		ensitive receivers including residents, businesses, public facilities (eg housing, schools hospitals, sporting facilities, jetties, etc <sup>1</sup> );	
ri ir	ivers, strean ncludes drec	nature of sensitive vegetation (eg mangroves, reeds) and watercourses (including lakes, ns, wetlands, dams, channels within 500 m of the sites used for the dredge campaign (this lge and dewatering sites and area used for stockpiling spoil prior to transport). Include and data sources for the collection of this information;	
	•	otected areas such as national parks, conservation areas, watershed protection areas, reas, wetlands, dunes, bird and mammal colonies, cultural areas etc;	
		ainage and direction of stormwater flow passing over or leaving the site, all stormwater ints and any proposed stormwater infrastructure;	
• a	pproximate	north point.	
What etc)?		ose of the dredging (eg construction of boat ramp, laying of pipe, improve water flows,	□*
Is the	application	for capital dredging (site has never been dredged) or maintenance dredging (site has	<b></b> *

□\*

Have alternative options been considered (eg sites with deeper waters, use of other already established

shipping channels, other locations) and if so, why were these disregarded?

previously been dredged)?

For further information refer to the <u>Evaluation distances for effective air quality and noise management</u>, <u>Interface between land uses position statement</u>, <u>Air quality and the South Australian Planning System position statement</u>, and <u>Noise and the South Australian planning system position statement</u>.

What is the economic and social impact if dredging does not occur?	□*
What is the likelihood that the dredged area will require maintenance dredging? If so, how often? Have you considered ways to reduce frequency of maintenance dredging? What is the evidence to support your response?	
What are the environmental values at the dredge site and location where the spoil will be treated, placed, disposed (eg ecological, recreational, conservation, etc)?	□*
What dredge equipment and infrastructure will be used and why have they been selected and considered best practice for the required dredging campaign? This includes but not limited to:  • the type of dredge;	□*
support equipment such as barges, trucks, fuel storage, pumps;	
<ul> <li>structures including pipes, dewatering infrastructure (geobags, ponds, coffer dams, silt curtains, etc).</li> </ul>	
Describe how the equipment and/or structures will be deployed on site and removed once the campaign has been completed.	
When do you propose to dredge and how long will the dredging go for (from establishment of equipment to decommissioning of site)? Are there any critical timeframes for the commencement or completion of the campaign the EPA needs to be aware of and if so what are they and why?	□*
What are the proposed operating hours/days and what is the proposed timing for the works (time of year and length of campaign)? Are there any impacts that need to be considered with respect to the time when the dredging needs to be undertaken (eg recreational users, breeding or migratory periods of birds/animals, spawning, recruitment or growth periods of plants or animals) – if so what are they and how have these been addressed?	□*
How will access to the dredging site and spoil placement site be achieved, eg installation of platforms, traffic movement across the area, etc? How will this be undertaken in a manner that minimises impact to the surrounding environment (both aquatic and terrestrial)?	□*
How large and deep is the dredge footprint and what is the maximum volume of spoil that needs to be removed? Will there be any circumstances that may alter the predicted volume of spoil to be removed and if so what are they and how will this be managed?	□*
What is the composition and nature of the spoil that is to be removed from the dredge site, eg sediment size (percentage of clay/silts), organic matter, contaminants including hazardous substances and plastics, acid sulfate soils? How has this influenced the selection of dredging methods and equipment? Further guidance on this is presented in <a href="Sediment analysis">Sediment analysis</a> .	<b>□*</b>
How will removed spoil will be managed (consider the waste management hierarchy) with respect to:  contamination (metals, acid sulfate soils, toxicants) and/or other materials (plastics) if applicable;  transportation to dewatering site or disposal location;  dewatering (if applicable) and methods for the reduction of fines prior to discharge;	*
location of disposal/stockpile/placement site on land;	
storage times and footprint (width and height) for stockpiles of spoil on the site;	
end fate of material (eg used for construction element of project and beach replenishment, reuse, disposed to waste facility and at sea) and the application of the waste management hierarchy in determining this.	

How has the composition of spoil been considered in determining the appropriate methodologies for the above?	
Is the dredge area and spoil placement site frequented by significant fauna (eg birds, mammals, reptiles, etc) and if so, what are they and at what frequency?	□*
What is the nature of the site where vehicle movement will be undertaken (dirt, cement, etc)? How frequent will vehicle movement be if there is the potential for dust impacts or drag-out?	
Provide verification of other approvals including Development Approval. If a DA was not required, evidence will need to be provided to the EPA (eg letter from the relevant planning authority)?	
Water quality	

water qualit	<u>y</u>			
Applies to	•	Placement and/or construction of infrastructure such as bunds, silt curtains, coffer dams working platforms, hardstand areas.	s, dredge,	
Removal of spoil during dredging (mobilisation of sediment and overflow of water).				
	•	Dewatering of spoil and discharge of fines into waters.		
	•	Placement of spoil on land when adjacent waters.		
	•	Transport of spoil into containment structures (eg ponds, geobags).		
Assessment criteria	•	All reasonable and practicable measures are implemented to minimise impacts to water and sensitive habitats.	quality	
	•	Composition of spoil is known (contaminants and sediment characteristics).		
Appropriate dredge equipment and timeframes are selected to minimise impacts on water q and the aquatic environment.				
	•	Turbidity plumes are minimised and will not impact sensitive habitats.		
Recreational use (eg swimming), recreational fishing, and aquaculture values are not compromised.				
	•	Supernatant water is treated in a manner to minimise impacts to the receiving environm quality, flora and fauna).	ent (water	
	Waste management hierarchy has been considered for the management and discharge of wastewater from dewatering of spoil.			
	•	Water quality monitoring will identify and manage impacts (see Water quality monitoring).		
	•	Impacts from spills and leaks from infrastructure and equipment (eg pipelines, fuel hose dredge machinery, dewatering infrastructure) are prevented.	s, bunds,	
Resources	•	WaterConnect		
	•	National Water Quality Guidelines		
	•	EPA Position Statement: Water quality and the SA Planning System		
	•	Best practice erosion and sediment control		
		Minimum information required – Water quality	Provided	
What is the pre	dicte	ed duration of dredging (actual removal of spoil)?	□*	

Identify any potential water quality impacts that may occur when dredging is undertaken and describe how these will be managed.			
What is the ambient water quality (oxygen, turbidity, pH) of the dredge area and spoil placement site where dewatering or disposal will occur relevant to the time of year for the dredge campaign?			
What is the distance to and composition of ve placement site where impacts may occur?	egetation .present at and adjacent the dredge site and spoil	□*	
Is the watercourse permanent or ephemeral?			
1	frequency is water present in the watercourse ie what is the tin the watercourse when dredging needs to occur.		
What is the flow rate of the waters?			
	aturally dry or be made dry if water is present?		
How will water flow be managed in the eventual transfer or the eve	vent that rain is forecasted during the campaign?		
How will potential turbidity plumes that may re of bunds, silt curtains, ponds) be managed, m	esult from dredging and any associated activity (eg installation nonitored and minimised?	□*	
Are there any natural barriers to minimise	the spread of turbidity?		
Are there any circumstances which may p composition, weather conditions, etc)?	prevent the use of the selected equipment (eg sediment		
Provide evidence for the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures in relation to the nature of the dredge site.			
Additional	information required if	Provided	
Additional  Spoil contains a portion of fine sediments (~ more than 1% clays/silts)  AND/OR  Dredge spoil volume is greater than 100,000 m³ and duration of dredge campaign is greater than 8 weeks.	Provide hydrodynamic modelling and sediment deposition modelling to predict the fate and degree of turbidity plumes that may occur at any locations where water quality may be impacted at the dredge, dewatering or disposal site.  Modelling must consider local conditions and 'worst case scenarios' including the potential for resuspension of sediments and maximum dredge volumes.	Provided  *	
Spoil contains a portion of fine sediments (~ more than 1% clays/silts)  AND/OR  Dredge spoil volume is greater than 100,000 m³ and duration of dredge	Provide hydrodynamic modelling and sediment deposition modelling to predict the fate and degree of turbidity plumes that may occur at any locations where water quality may be impacted at the dredge, dewatering or disposal site.  Modelling must consider local conditions and 'worst case scenarios' including the potential for resuspension of		

Supernatant water from dewatering of spoil is discharged directly or indirectly into the	What are the potential volumes, flow rates, and duration for dewatering/overflow?	<b>_*</b>
aquatic environment.	How will supernatant or overflow water be treated to reduce turbidity prior to discharge (eg function of sediment ponds, filtration, swales, hoppers, use of flocculants, use of excavators at discharge point)?	
	Where will supernatant water be discharged to?	
	How will spillages and breakages from dewatering infrastructure be managed (eg bunds, geobags)?	
	What is the composition and nature of the discharge water (eg nutrient load, fine clay particles, discolouration)?	
	What monitoring will be undertaken to ensure that discharged water does not exceed triggers? Refer to the section on water quality monitoring for further guidance on monitoring.	
Fill material is being used to construct bunds, hardstand areas, working platforms.	What is the volume and composition (including sediment size) of fill that will be used and where is it sourced from?	
	Does the fill meet the EPA Waste Derived Fill standard?	
	How will it be managed to ensure it does not result in impacts to quality of any waters (surface waters and stormwater)?	
	How will the fill be removed once dredging has been completed?	
Landbased sites (dredge and/or dewatering site) – potential for flooding or high rainfall (greater than 10 mm over a 24-hour period) during the dredge campaign.	How will stormwater runoff at the spoil placement location or dredge area (inland), be managed to prevent sediment being transported into any waters in the event of high rainfall (contingencies?).	

# Noise

Applies to	Movement of all vessels and vehicles used during the campaign.				
	Use of dredge and dewatering equipment.				
	Pumps and generators.				
	Anchoring.				
Assessment criteria	Noise does not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties and meets the legislated noise levels and timeframes.				
	Complaints from the community will be appropriately addressed.				
	Minimal impact to marine megafauna.				
Resources	EPA Guideline: Construction noise				
	EPA Guideline: Noise				
	EPA Position Statement: Noise and the Planning System				

EPA Guideline: Evaluation distances for effective air quality and noise management DPTI Management of Noise and Vibration: Construction and Maintenance Activities Provided Minimum information required - Noise □\* What noisy equipment will be used on the proposed sites during the dredge campaign and where will the equipment be placed in relation to the sensitive receivers (these can include residents, schools, business, recreational facilities, etc)? □\* What are the operating times of the noisy equipment and how long will noisy equipment be used for throughout the dredge campaign? Further information required if ... Provided Noise is likely to be heard by sensitive How will complaints be dealt with? □\* receivers (less than 300 m away) but duration of noise is less than 2 weeks □\* Noise is likely to be heard by sensitive What mitigation measures are being used on site to receivers (less than 300 m) however: minimise the impacts of noise to sensitive receivers (eg insulating noisy equipment, operating hours, etc) Noisy equipment use is not continuous Describe how you will consult with sensitive receivers that AND/OR may be potentially impacted? How will any complaints be Duration of the dredge campaign is greater resolved? than 2 weeks. Noisy equipment is operating almost Provide justification why the works need to occur over a □\* continuously over a 24-hour period for over 24-hour period. a week and can be heard by sensitive Provide an acoustic report to identify the level of noise receivers (less than 300 m). impacts to sensitive receivers that are located in close proximity to the sources of noise. What mitigation measures are being used on site to minimise the impacts of noise to sensitive receivers (eg insulating noisy equipment, operating hours, etc)? Describe how you will consult with sensitive receivers that may be potentially impacted? How will any complaints be

### Air quality (dust, fumes and odour)

recreational users who may be impacted by

Dredge area is frequently visited by

noised (amenity value).

#### Applies to

- Storage of construction material for coffer dams, dewatering ponds and bunds.
- Removal, transport and stockpiling/storage of spoil (fine sediments, organic matter, acid sulfate soils).

will be experienced during dredging?

How will recreation users be advised of adverse noise that

Construction of coffer dams, dewatering ponds and bunds.

resolved?

Dewatering of spoil.

	Movement of site-based vehicles and equipment.					
Assessment	Potential dust or odour of	Potential dust or odour emissions meets the appropriate criteria.				
criteria	Dust, odour or fumes does not cause nuisance or impacts to human health.					
	Complaints from the cor	mmunity will be appropriately addressed.				
Resources	EPA Position Statement: Air quality and the SA Planning System					
	EPA Guideline: Evaluat	ion distances for effective air quality and noise management				
	EPA Guideline: Ambien	t air quality assessment				
	Minimum infor	mation required – Air quality	Provided			
construct bunds/c	` <del>-</del>	ckpiles of spoil, vehicle movement, materials used to ach wrack, acid sulfate soils, anoxic soils) on site? What is itive receivers?	□*			
How long will pote	ential sources of odour be pro	esent for?	□*			
	Further in	formation required if	Provided			
materials that ma	rs located within 300 m of ny generate dust or odour.	What is the prevailing wind direction (this will indicate where dust or odour plumes are likely to travel)?	□*			
AND/OR		How will complaints be monitored, managed and resolved?				
Area where dust or odour may be present is used by recreational visitors (eg fishers, playgrounds, beach goers, etc).		Tiow will complaints be monitored; managed and resolved:				
Spoil contains organic matter, sulfate soils or is anoxic and is likely to generate odour.		Where will odorous materials be placed on site and what is the distance between these materials and sensitive receivers?	<b>□</b> *			
		How will spoil comprising of odorous material be transported and disposed and how will spillages or ruptures (eg from pipes, geobags) be prevented or contained if they occur?				
Potential for odour and or dust likely to be present for over a week.		How will community be consulted/engaged regarding dust and odour, and what information will be provided during this process?	<b>□</b> *			
		How will dust and/or odour events be monitored and/or mitigated? What are the contingencies if dust and/or odour events on site become significant?				
Have other options been considered t		Have other options been considered to minimise the potential for dust and/or odour? If so, what are these and why were they not adopted?				

# Waste

Applies to	<ul> <li>Placement and/or construction of infrastructure and decommissioning of any sites associated with the dredging activity (dredge location, location of spoil placement, storage of infrastructure etc) which generates waste such as plastics, building materials, storage containers, etc).</li> </ul>			
	Storage and dispos	Storage and disposal of any waste that is generated as part of the dredge campaign.		
	Management of spo	Management of spoil.		
	Spoil treatment and	or disposal if spoil is contaminated.		
Assessment	Waste managemer	t hierarchy is applied.		
criteria		ransported, stored and/or disposed in a manner that does not caus nd or waters that may result from spillage or leakage.	е	
		d, managed, transported and disposed of appropriately depending a licensed waste facility, council kerbside collection, recycling faci		
	A licensed waste tra	ansporter is used if the material to be disposed includes a <u>listed wa</u>	ste.	
	Wastes are approp	riately stockpiled on site.		
Resources	EPA Standard for t	ne production and use of waste derived fill (WDF Standard)		
	Guideline for stock	pile management: Waste and waste derived products for recycling	and reuse	
	Current criteria for the classification of waste—including Industrial and Commercial Waste			
(Listed) and Waste Soil				
	Minimur	n information required - Waste	Provided	
What is the natu	re and volumes of wastes	(other than spoil) that are likely to be generated at the sites?	□*	
How and where will the different waste types generated on site will be stored, stockpiled and/or disposed including how the management hierarchy has been applied?			□*	
If spoil is to be reused, does it meet EPA standards for Waste derived fill or Waste derived soil enhancer?  Provide evidence.				
Demonstrate how waste (including waste spoil) will be disposed of appropriately (eg closure plan, waste transport/disposal certificate)?		□*		
Further information required if (waste)			Provided	
levels of waste materials (plastics,		What are the management arrangements to prevent contamination of land or waters during dredging/storage/dewatering/stockpiling of spoil?	<b>□*</b>	
		How will wastes present in the spoil be managed, extracted and disposed of?		
Spoil does not m	eet the WDF standard.	How will spoil be disposed of (includes transport, treatment and final disposal location)		
Waste storage area is located near the aquatic environment or stormwater system.  How will waste be stored to prevent it from entering these waters?				

Location where waste will be stored is regularly used by recreational users, eg	Describe how waste will be managed to minimise the impact to users.	
jetties, boat ramps, sporting clubs,		
playgrounds etc or other users of the		
area.		

# **Hazardous substances**

Assessment criteria	<ul> <li>Equipment maintenance including refuelling, use of hydrocarbons, chemicals, lubricants, etc.</li> <li>Washdown of equipment.</li> <li>Construction of coffer dams and/or bunds.</li> <li>Removal and placement of contaminated spoil during dredging and dewatering.</li> <li>No spillages of contaminants or spillages can be contained. This includes the use of fuels.</li> <li>Land and waters do not become toxic to aquatic or terrestrial organisms.</li> <li>Acid sulfate soils and potential acid sulfates are not disturbed or managed appropriately during dredging, dewatering and placement of spoil. See <a href="http://www.waterquality.gov.au/issues/acid-sulfate-soils">http://www.waterquality.gov.au/issues/acid-sulfate-soils</a></li> <li>Hazardous substances (such as fuel) and contaminated material are handled, used, stored, transported and disposed to ensure no environmental harm or spread of contaminants to land or waters.</li> </ul>		
Reference Material	<ul> <li>Current criteria for the classification of waste</li> <li>Standard for the production and use of waste derived fill</li> <li>Water Quality Australia – acid sulfate soils</li> <li>The University of Adelaide: The acid sulfate soils centre</li> <li>EPA Guideline: Site contamination - acid sulfate soil materials</li> <li>EPA Guideline: Bunding and spill management</li> <li>EPA Guideline: Wastewater lagoon construction (for contaminated spoil)</li> <li>DPTI Guideline for the assessment of acid sulfate soils</li> </ul>		
		Minimum information required – Hazardous substances	Provided
What is the potential for spoil or substrate to be used for construction of coffer dams, dewatering ponds or bunds to be contaminated with hazardous substances including heavy metals, petroleum products, pathogens (eg <i>e-coli</i> ) and acid sulfate soils based on previous history, current nature and use of dredging site, desktop analysis, mapping and/or observations?			
What is the potential for the dredge site and dewatering location to be contaminated? Consider:  current and historical use of site (eg boat launching, marina, industrial use, residential, discharges);  stormwater runoff;  agricultural runoff.			
Has there been a	-	historical spills of hazardous substances at the location? If so, what was the nature spills?	

Where will fuel, lubricants and other hazardous substances be stored on site? What are the volumes of fuels that will be stored on site? How will potential spillages or leaks be contained?		
Where will equipment maintenance (including oil changes, wash-down areas) and refuelling take place?  How often will this need to occur? How will spills or leakages be contained?		
Further information required if		Provided
High potential for hazardous substances to be present in spoil or dewatering location or bund/coffer dam material based on information collected in Level 1 (eg site is an industrial port, historical evidence of spills, mapping shows presence of acid sulfate soils).	Undertake analysis of sediments for the presence of contaminants in dredge location  AND/OR  dewatering location  AND/OR  material that will be used to construct bund/coffer dams.	<b>□*</b>
Sediment analysis of dredge or dewatering site shows contamination (eg metals, acid sulfate soils, fuels, PFAS, etc).	How will contaminated spoil be managed with respect to stockpiling, disposal, dewatering, leakage, etc in a manner to prevent contamination of land or waters (including surface, groundwater and stormwater), such as bunding?	□*
Acid sulfate soils is present at the dredge site or dewatering site.	How will the disturbance of acid sulfate soils be managed and minimised during the dredging process and spoil placement? Can disturbance be avoided altogether. If not why? How will acid sulfate soils be disposed of or neutralised?	□*
Refuelling and equipment maintenance is undertaken on land however, spillages of fuels, lubricants, etc has the potential to reach waters (this includes surface waters, groundwater and stormwater) based on their location and slope of the land.	Describe how leakages of fuel and or lubricants will be prevented and contained on land (eg bunding, spill kits, etc).	
Refuelling takes place over waters	How will potential spills during refuelling be prevented and in the event of a spill, how will it be contained (eg marine spill kits that contain appropriate materials (including booms) to contain and clean hydrocarbon spills, drip containers, staff training, etc)? Are the proposed arrangements appropriate for the location of the refuelling site and volume of fuels that will be used?	
Flocculants used during dewatering.	How will flocculants be stored and contained?  Is the flocculant MSDS suitable for use in sensitive aquatic environments? Provide evidence.  What is its ecological toxicity levels and how will this be managed? The MSDS must state the product is non-toxic to aquatic organisms and does not accumulate in the environment.  How will the settled sediment post flocculation be managed and disposed of?	