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The Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd engaged Vision Environment (QLD) (VEQ) for over three years to undertake the compliance and supplementary marine environmental monitoring for the Western Basin Dredge and Disposal Project (WBDDP). The project was the second largest dredge project in Australia, involving dredge works to support the development of the LNG industry in the Port of Gladstone. In order to address the large number of environmental conditions imposed on the project, GPC required a consultant that could undertake the monitoring to Australian Standards and deliver results that were beyond reproach. VEQ were able to rise to that challenge and provide a very high standard of service, particularly when contentious issues arose in a politically pressurized climate.

VEQ quickly identified and were always proactive in providing for the needs of the project and stakeholders. VEQ designed and implemented the monitoring program which included the installation and maintenance of telemetered monitoring equipment and cloud based real time data delivery, which was essential to the 24/7 management of the project. Data processing and delivery was of a high standard with VEQ developing and revising their protocols to meet new challenges. One of the Coordinator General's conditions for the project was to move to a light based approach for seagrass compliance monitoring. Meeting this condition would not have been possible without the R&D that VEQ undertook to specifically develop telemetered light monitoring for the project, a commercial first in Australia.

The Directors and VEQ staff made themselves available and on call 24/7, displaying dedication and integrity in all their interactions. Professional advice was regularly sought and promptly provided by the VEQ team. The standard of health and safety was also commendable with VEQ satisfying GPC auditing processes.

I am pleased to, and have recommended Vision Environment (QLD) to other project proponents. In fact VEQ have additionally been engaged to provide services for the forthcoming Chanel Duplication Dredge project EIS in Gladstone.



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