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Dear Carol

Lauderdale Quay - hearing schedule

We refer to the draft hearing schedule and list of issues released on 2 June 2009. We request the following amendments to these documents:

- As previously indicated, we consider that it is somewhat artificial to deal with 'engineering and construction' separately from 'environmental impacts' as these issues are linked. For example,
 - "Dredging and sedimentation (inc heavy metals)" is dealt with as an engineering issue at 1(b) (17-23 June), and as an environmental impact issue at 2(a)(vi) (24 - 30 June).
 - "Bunding – environmental issues only" is dealt with at 1(c)(iii) as an engineering issue. It is unclear whether evidence relating to the impacts of sedimentation resulting from erosion of the bund, including potential impacts on marine species such as the Spotted Handfish, will be heard at this point.

We consider that it would be more efficient and effective to hear evidence regarding the engineering and environmental impacts of the proposed works concurrently.

- If **1(b)** and **2(a)(vi)** are to be heard separately, please include Dr Ruth Eriksen, Daniel Ray and Dr Steve Appleyard as giving evidence in relation to both issues.
- Please include Dr Ruth Eriksen as giving evidence in relation to **1(c)(iii)**.
- Please include Daniel Ray and Dr Steve Appleyard as giving evidence in relation to **1(e)** – Dewatering (inc water quality issues) and **1(k)** – Flushing, sedimentation and dredging.

- Please include Dr Matt Edmunds as giving evidence in relation to **2(b)(i)** – Avian (carrying capacity modelling), **2(b)(ii)** – Marine, **2(c)** – Ecology general and **2(d)** – Offsets.
- Please include Daniel Ray as giving evidence in relation to **2(c)** – Ecology general (nutrients, MBOs) and **3** – Coastal processes (cross-shore sedimentation).
- Please include Milan Prodanovic as giving evidence in relation to both **5(a)** and **5(b)**.
- Please include Evan Boardman as giving evidence in relation to **6** – Economic impacts, **7(c)** – Social impacts general, **8(b)** – need for the development and **12** – performance, conditions and bonds.
- Please include Rob Giblin as giving evidence in relation to **8(a) – (d)** and **12**.
- Please include Prof Robert Morris-Nunn as giving evidence in relation to **8(d) - (f)**.
- Please include Patricia Barwick as giving evidence in relation to **7(c)** – Community impacts general and **8(f)** – visual impact. Please also ignore my previous advice that Ms Barwick was not available on 8 July 2009. Ms Barwick is available to give evidence any time in the week commencing 6 July 2009.

Kind regards,

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