

8 Stakeholder Consultation Overview

8.1 State Government Agencies

At the inception of the study a Technical Working Group (TWG) was established to assist in the development of the SPRSEMP. The TWG included representatives from:

- Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP);
- Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM);
- Queensland Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (DNPRSR);
- Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF);
- Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ); and
- Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC).

An inaugural meeting was held at the MBRC Administration Building on Wednesday, 13 March 2013 with subsequent meeting held to present the Stage 1 and Stage 2 report outcomes. The draft reports were also distributed to the TWG for feedback, which has been incorporated into the final reports. A formal response from DAFF is included in Appendix A.

8.2 Public Consultation

A public consultation process was undertaken for this project. This was implemented at first through a project awareness phase through Council's current consultation web page. The web page was open for nine months (24th June 2013 to 31st March 2014), and enabled residents to upload and share their photos of the river bank.

Following this awareness phase, a feedback period was entered into whereby the Stage 1 and Stage 2 reports were placed on Council's website for public feedback for a period of six weeks (16th June 2014 to 28th July 2014). Letters were also sent to the owners and occupiers of each property fronting the river bank in the week beginning 16th June 2014. These letters advised that the draft SEMP reports were available for public comment and could be viewed on Council's website with hard copies also available at the local libraries and administration centres. A letter was also sent to the Pine Rivers Catchment Association.

There was little feedback received from the public consultation (only two responses). The feedback that was received pertained to the nature of private erosion protection along Learmonth Street and has been incorporated into the final version of the Stage 2 report.