DREDGING BOOST FOR GOLD COAST SEAWAY ACCESS

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• The \$250,000 project is scheduled for completion by June/July 2023

Dredging to improve access through the Gold Coast Seaway at The Spit commenced today.

Between 20,000–30,000 cubic metres of material will be removed from a sand shoal that has formed at the entrance to the Seaway.

The material removed from the Seaway entrance shoal will be beneficially reused for coastal protection and nourishment at South Stradbroke Island and Narrowneck.

The \$250,000 project will improve navigational access for recreational and commercial vessels crossing the Gold Coast Seaway bar.

Quote attributed to Gold Coast Waterways Authority Chief Executive Officer, Chris Derksema:

"Between May and July a dredge will be operating at the seaway entrance and transporting material to an ocean deposition site adjacent to South Stradbroke Island."

"There may be some access restrictions at the Seaway entrance while dredging is underway, so we ask vessel masters to reduce speeds and navigate with care."

\$50.4 million will be invested in construction and upgrade projects that will improve access to the Gold Coast waterways over the next four years.

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