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# Granite Island Causeway Replacement

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## Company Overview McConnell Dowell

McConnell Dowell is Creative Construction. We successfully deliver complex infrastructure with our customers and the community.

- Average annual revenue of +\$1.5 billion
- Over 3000 office and project staff
- Four business units with operations across Australia, Asia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands
- Current work portfolio includes projects valued between \$20m to +\$1b
- Experienced in all contract delivery models, including Alliance, Early Contractor Involvements (ECI), Design and Construct and Construct Only
- In-house design and design management capability
- 60 uninterrupted years of Creative Construction

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### Sectors

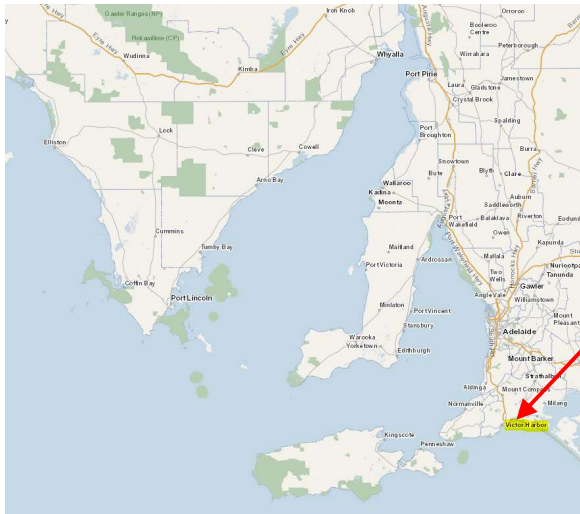
- Ports & Marine
- Resources
- Defence & Space
- Energy
- Buildings
- Sports & Recreation
- Traffic & Transport
- Urban Development
- Water



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# Project Overview – Location



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## Project Overview – Need for replacement

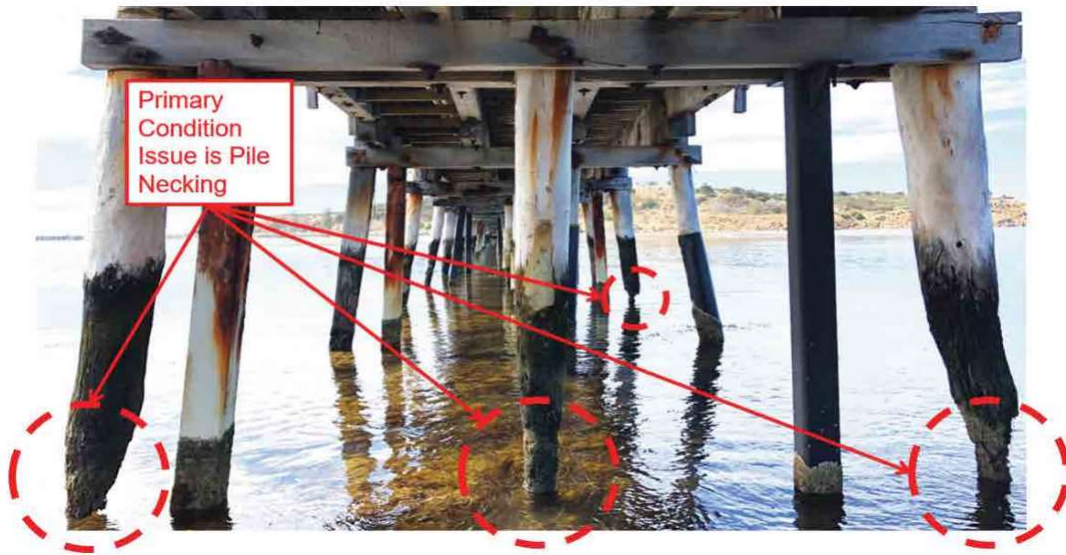


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## Project Overview – Need for replacement



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## Project Overview – Arrangement

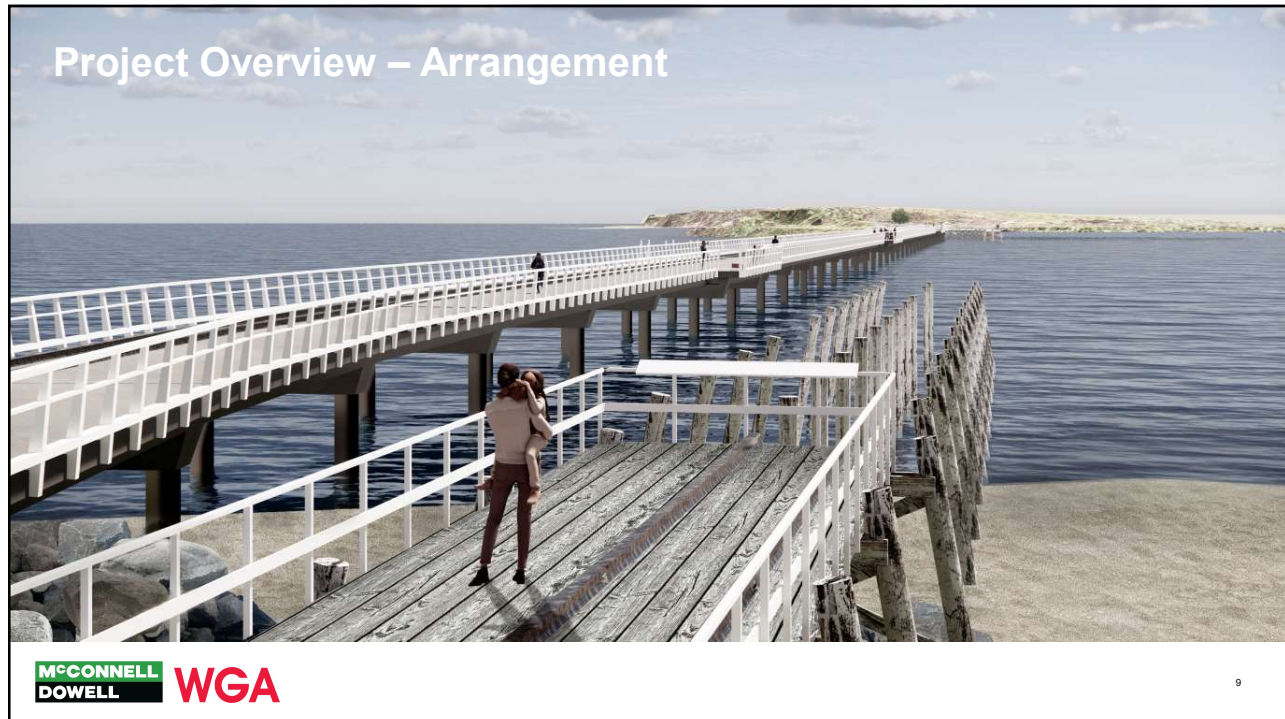


Section of existing causeway to be refurbished each end

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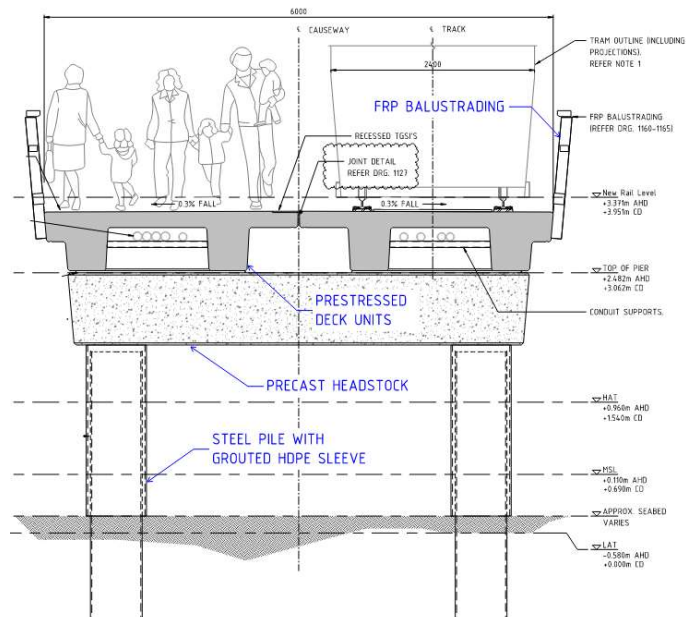
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## Design and Functional Requirements

### Key Requirements

- Separate zones for tram and pedestrians
- T44 Truck and Coach load rating
- Main structure design life of 100 years
- Existing causeway to remain operational during works
- Relatively short design and construction timeframe
- Design to be respectful of heritage and place



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## Deck - Concept Arrangements Considered

### Option 1 – Integral Beam and Deck

#### 1a – Passive reinforcement

- 12m span for 750deep

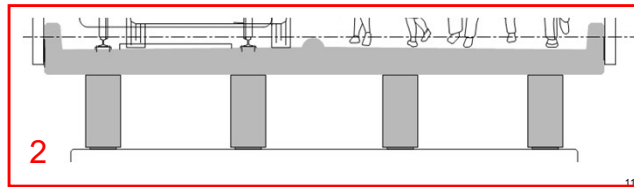
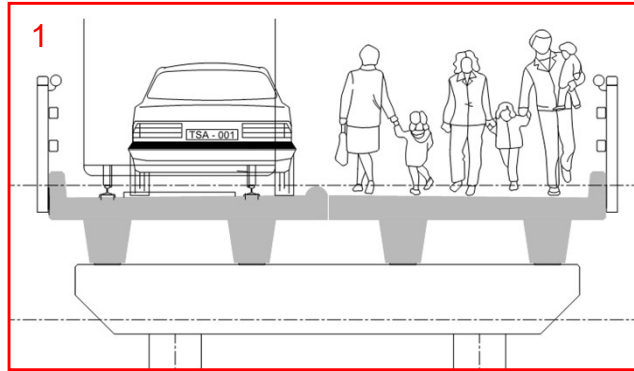
#### 1b – Prestressed / PT

- Span of 15m for 750deep (~42t)
- Span to suit economical crane size

### Option 2 – Independent Beam and Deck

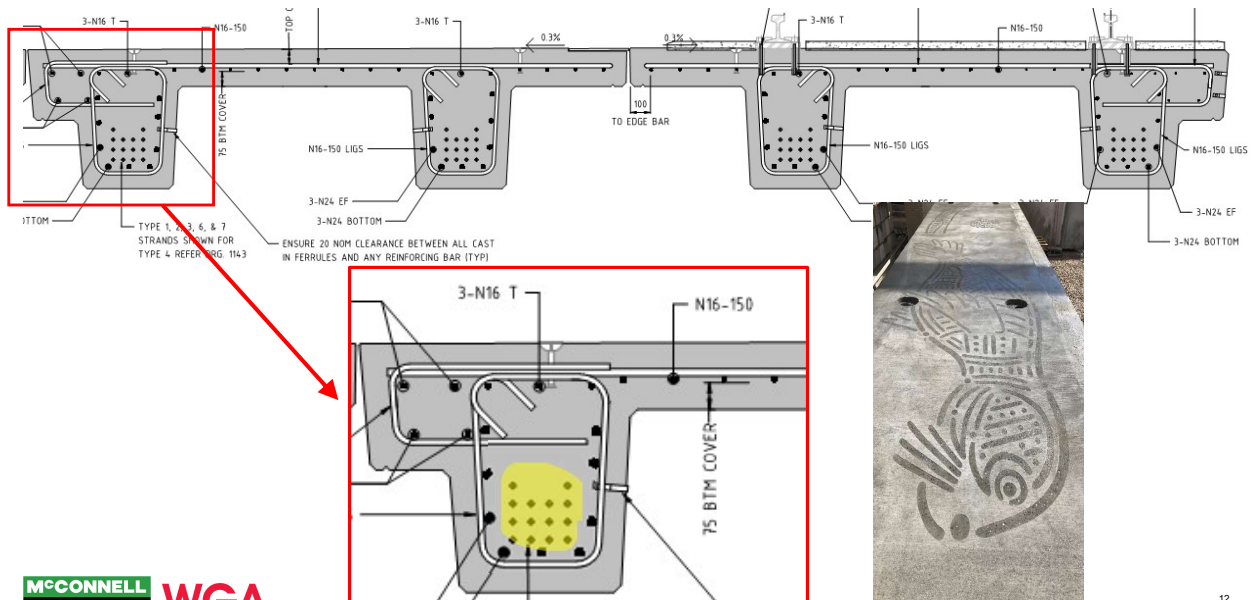
#### 2a – Prestressed beams, passive deck

- 9m span



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## Deck - Prestressed Concrete



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## Piles - Concept Arrangements Considered

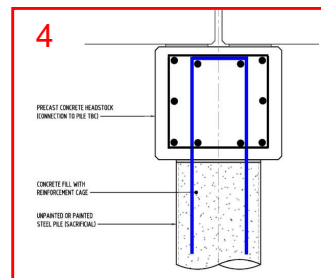
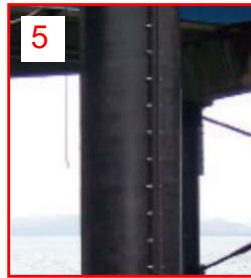
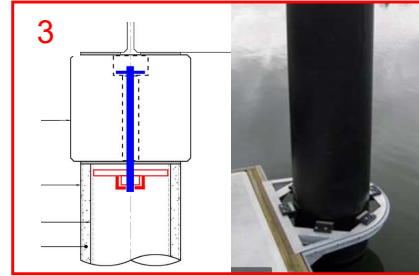
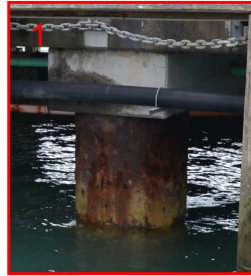
**Option 1 – Exposed unpainted steel**  
(corrosion allowance)

**Option 2 – Paint and maintain**  
(repaint or wrap)

**Option 3 – Grouted HDPE sleeve**  
(with unpainted pile)

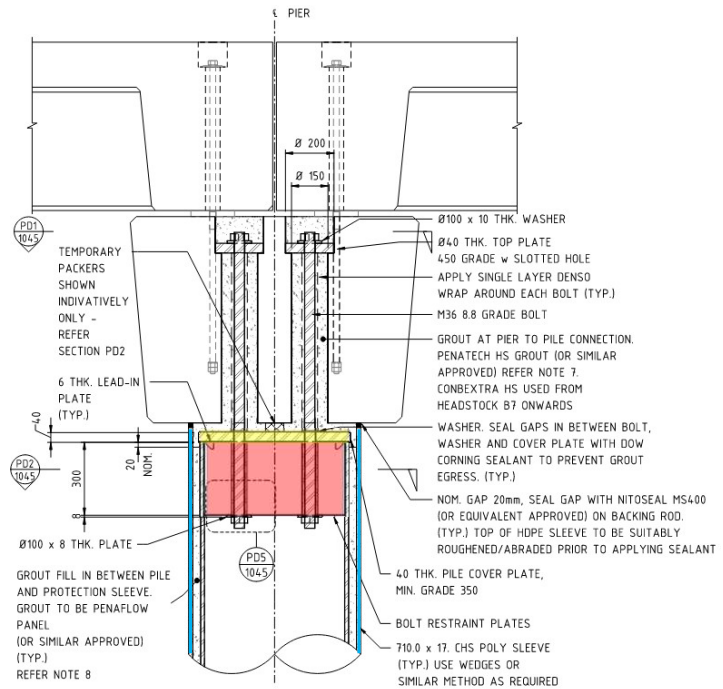
**Option 4 – Concrete filling**  
(unpainted steel sacrificial pile)

**Option 5 – Pile wrapping**  
(corrosion allowance at seabed)



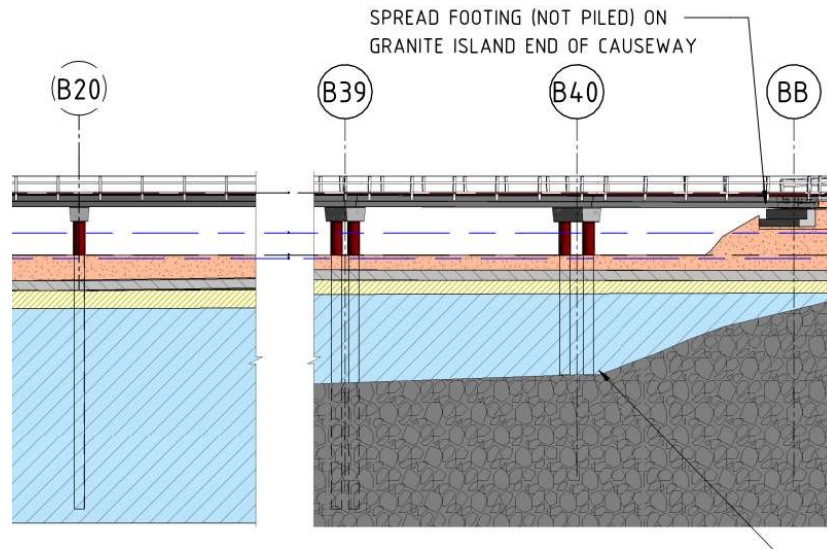
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## Piles - Design



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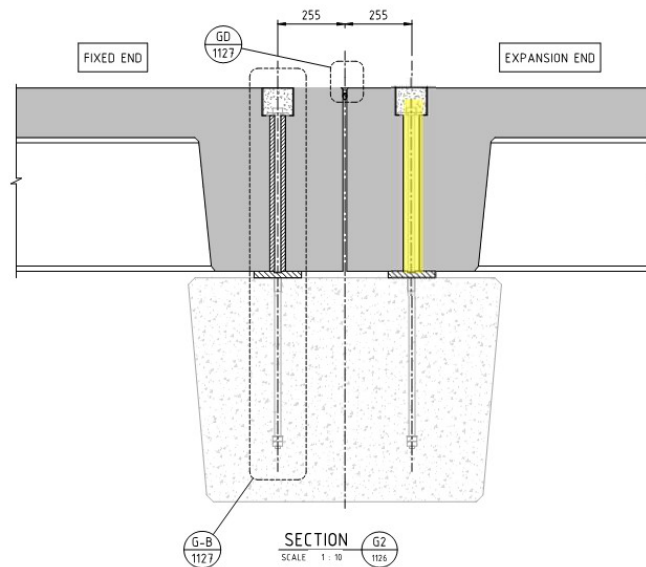
### Design Considerations – High Level Granite



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### Design Considerations – Thermal Expansion



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## Construction Method – Key Drivers

- Short 8 month construction program
- Minimal Environmental Impact
- Minimisation of exposure to sea state and high winds
- Allowing continual public and stakeholder access

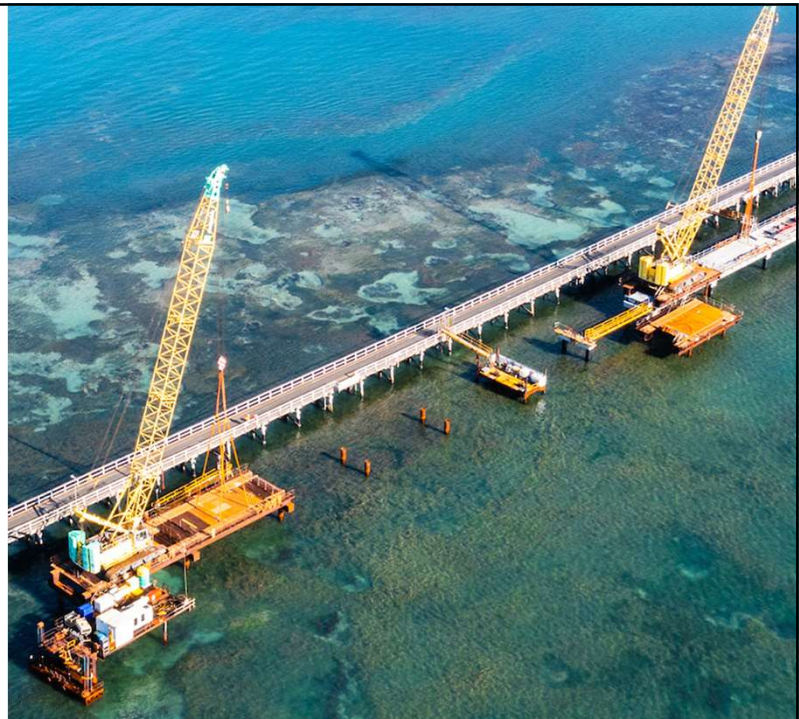


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## Construction Method

- Hand over hand construction
- 2 x 200 tonne crawler cranes
- 3 work fronts operating concurrently
- All deliveries direct to work fronts



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### Construction Method – Crane #1



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## Construction Method – Crane #2



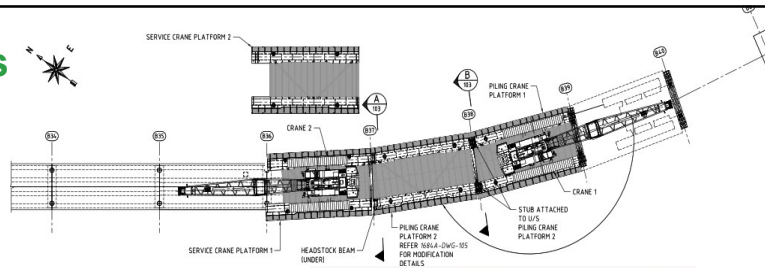
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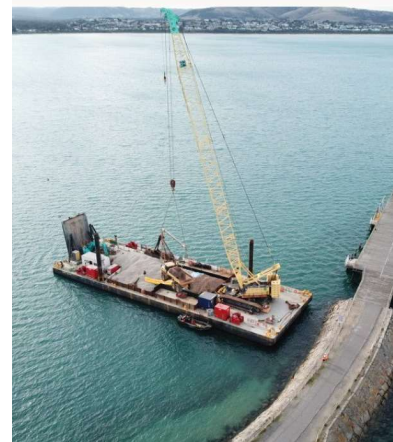
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## Construction Challenges

- Constructing around a curve
- Crane demobilization
- Logistical movements to Granite Island



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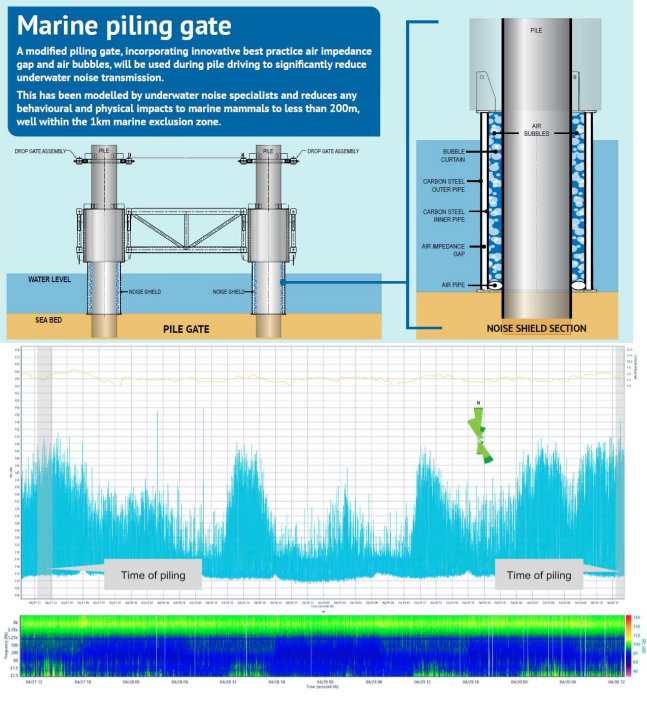
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## Construction Method – Underwater Noise Mitigation

### Integrated Bubble Curtain & Air Impedance gap

- No Discernible increase in underwater noise over background at 1km
- Monitoring during piling demonstrated noise levels 10 dB lower than modelled



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## Completed Causeway



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### Completed Causeway



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### Demolition of Existing Causeway



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## Foreshore Areas



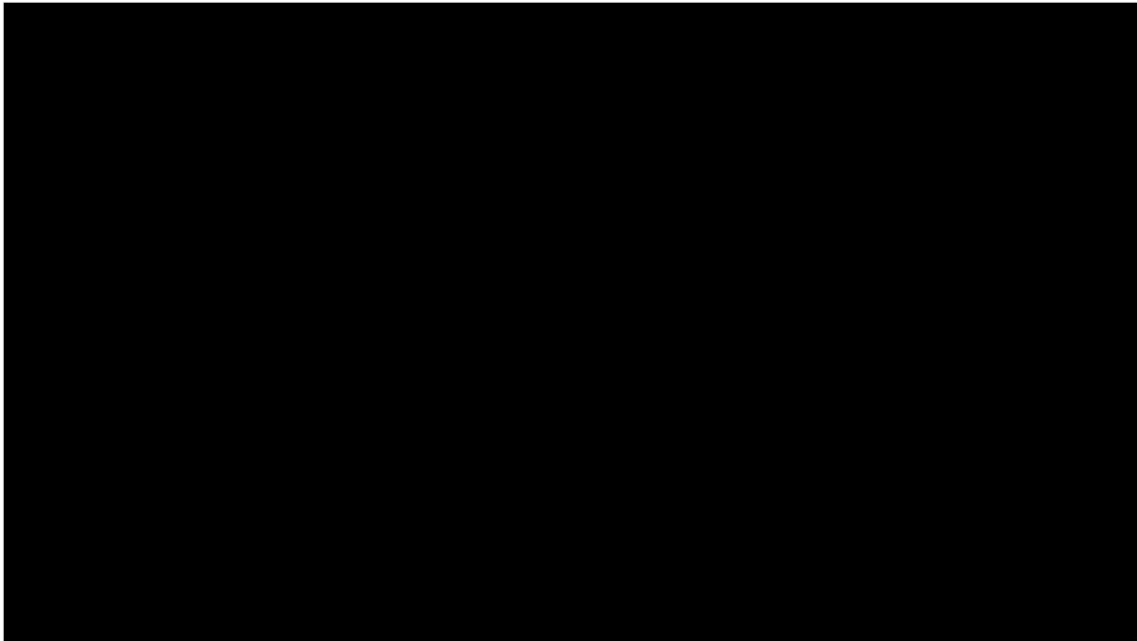
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## Completion on Time



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