

Westport MCA

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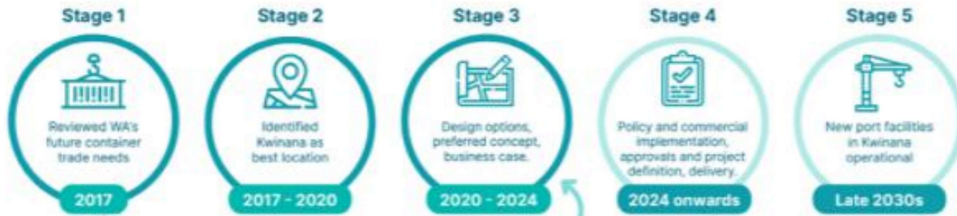


What is Westport

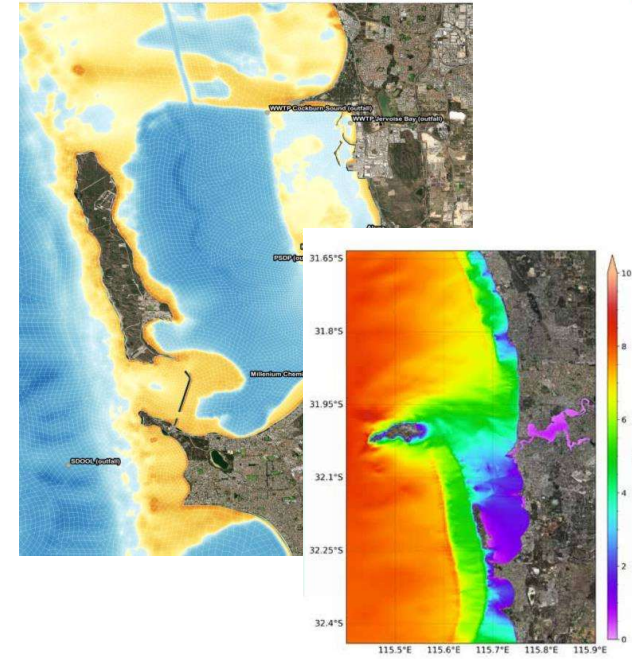
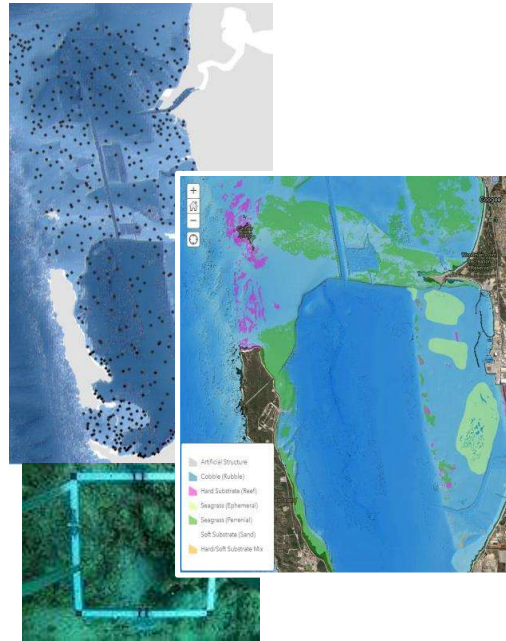
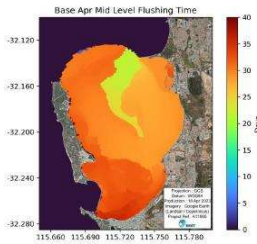
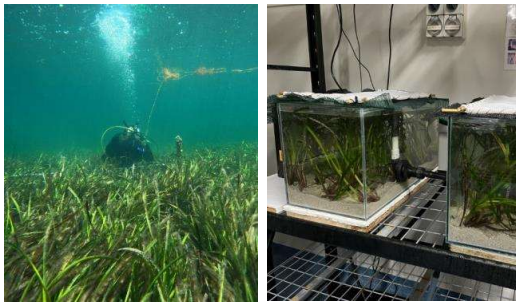
Westport is the State Government's planning program to move container trade from Fremantle to Kwinana. This includes planning a new port, and the connected freight road, rail, and logistics operations.

Legend

- 1 New port facilities
- 2 Upgraded logistics hubs
- 3 Anketell Road upgrade
- 4 Land protected for future Anketell-Thomas Road Freight Corridor
- 5 Kwinana Freeway widening and upgrades
- 6 Roe Hwy widening and upgrades
- 7 Rail duplication and level crossing removals
- 8 Proposed channel
- 9 Existing channels
- 10 Fremantle redevelopment area
- 11 Kwinana Industrial Area
- 12 Western Trade Coast



Science and baselines driving engineering



\$20 million science program and marine research



Environmental mapping, integrated ecosystem models and data analytics



New biophysical baselines driving design



Social mapping

Recreational fishing

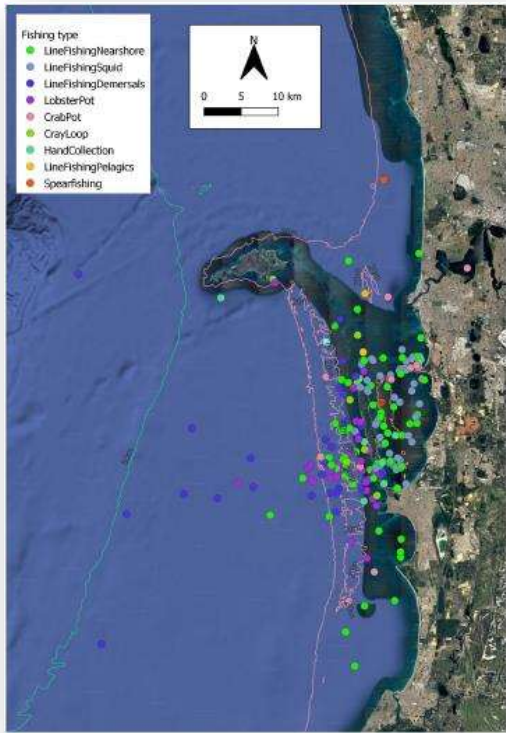
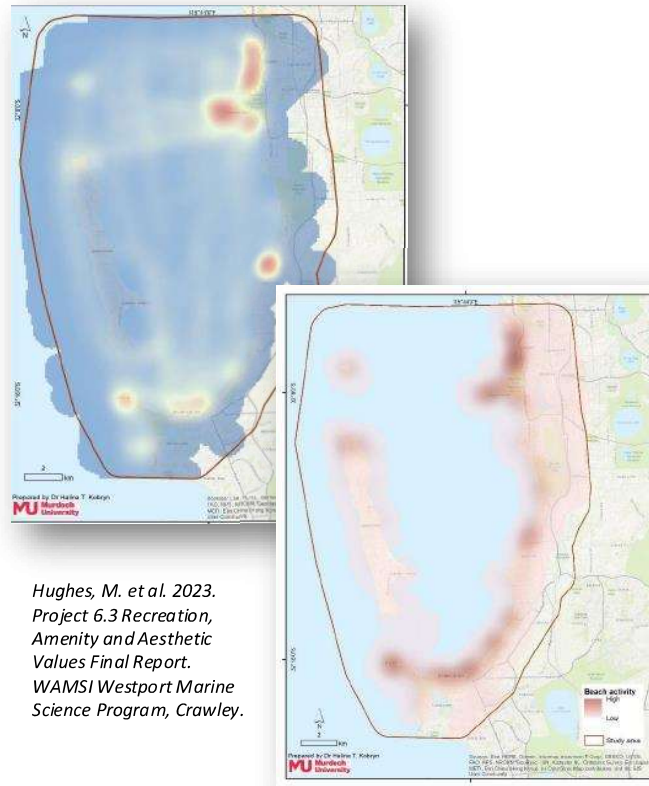
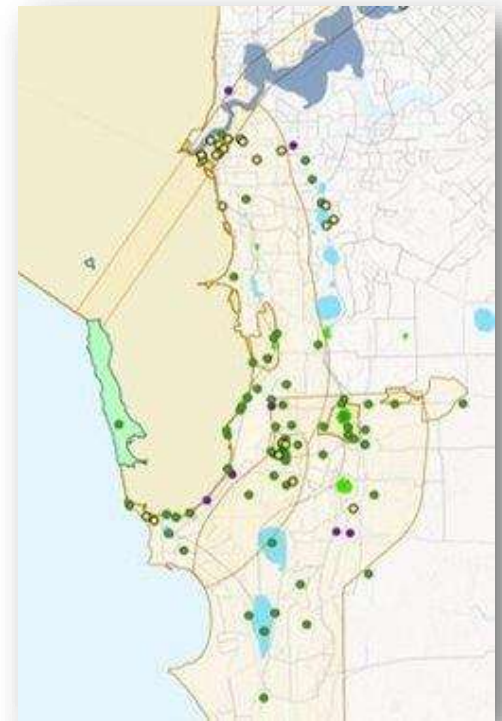


Figure based on preliminary data

Recreation and aesthetic values

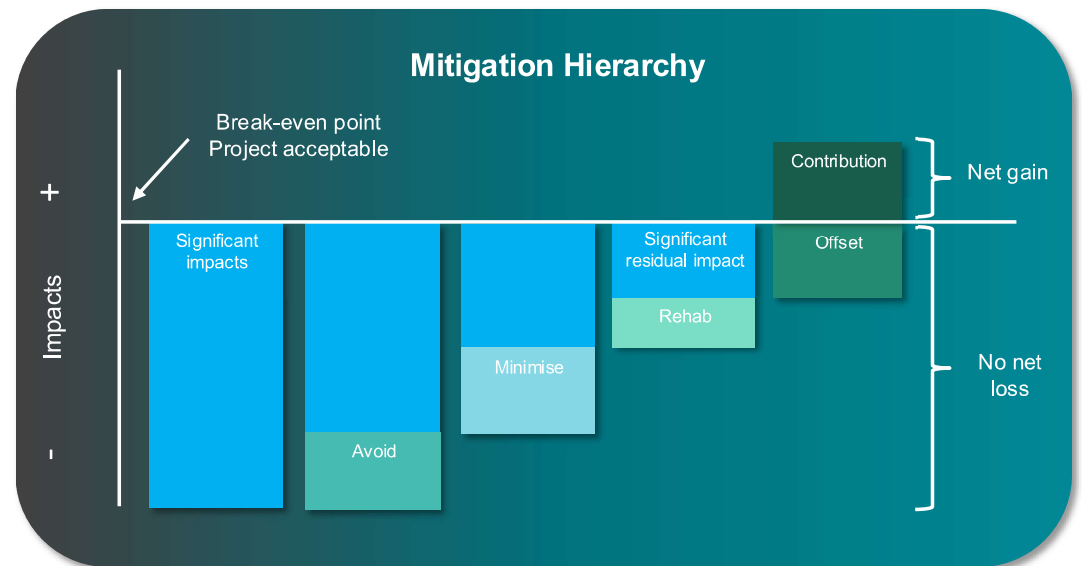


Cultural and spiritual knowledge



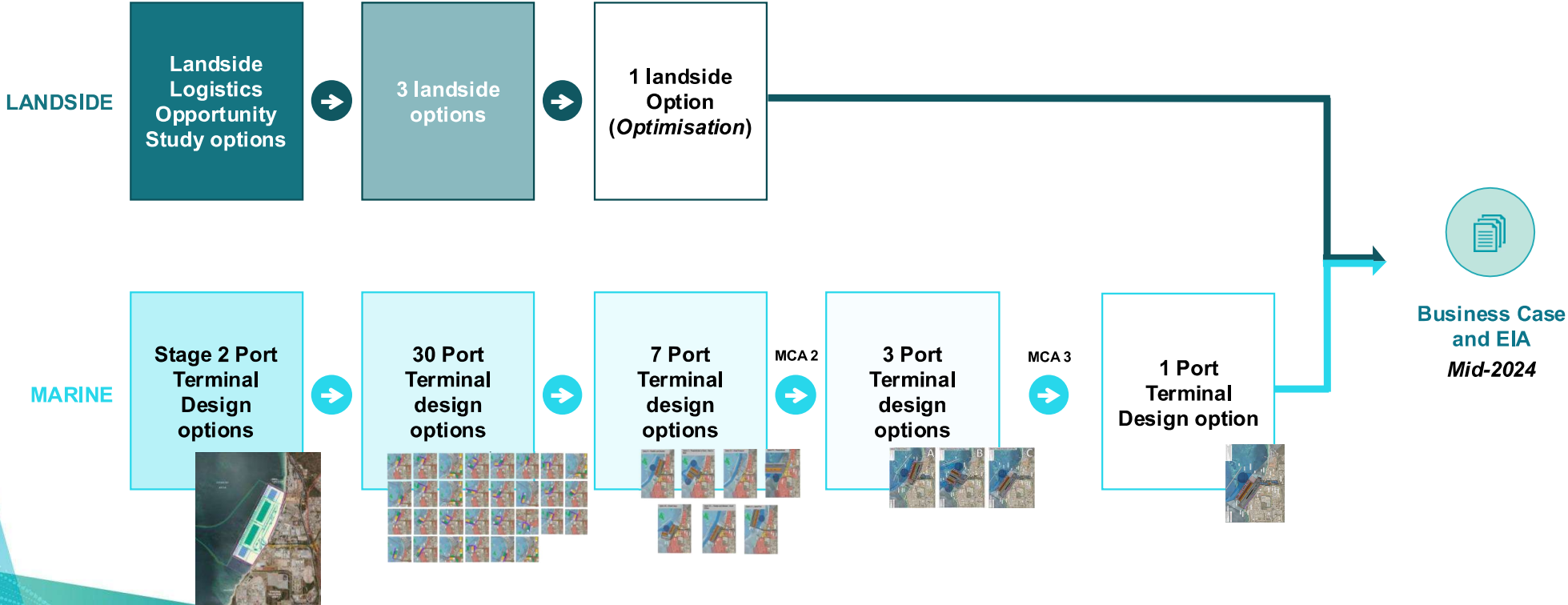
Environmental Acceptability

- Establish environmental baselines and understanding of key ecological processes in Cockburn Sound
- Provide scientific basis to inform proposed port design and environmental assessment.
- Inform mitigation strategies to maximise environmental/social outcomes
- Provide information on recreational values and activities in Cockburn Sound and understand community aspirations through consultation



Goal	Sub-Goals	Goal MCA Weight	Share Within Goal	Sub-Goal MCA Weight (Port)
1. Better Trade Outcomes for Exporters, Importers & the Economy	1.1 Efficient – operating costs for movement of containers across the network	28%	30%	8%
	1.2 Reliable – predictability and visibility of shipment movements		20%	6%
	1.3 Resilient – capacity to better withstand, and recover efficiently from, disruptions		20%	6%
	1.4 Scalability - capacity to expand or adapt to meet forecast trade and population growth		15%	4%
	1.5 Flexible - ability to adapt to future market trends and operator innovation		15%	4%
2. Western Trade Coast's Growth is Enabled	2.1 Western Trade Coast's growth is enabled	0%	N/A	0%
	2.2 Western Australian technological innovation is leveraged		N/A	0%
	2.3 High quality jobs and training are created		N/A	0%
3. Acceptable impact on the State's finances	3.1 Value for money	25%	67%	17%
	3.2 Attractive to private investment through commercial and ESG opportunities		N/A	0%
	3.3 Minimised impact on utilities and business		33%	8%
4. Plan, build and operate the most sustainable container supply chain in Australia	4.1 Cockburn Sound is protected (related to the Westport Impact)	23%	56%	13%
	4.2 The container supply chain is carbon neutral		22%	5%
	4.3 Infrastructure development and operations are sustainable		22%	5%
5. Benefits to the community and indigenous peoples	5.1 Recreational values protected or enhanced	15%	33%	5%
	5.2 Indigenous and non-indigenous heritage is protected and promoted		67%	10%
	5.3 Aboriginal economic opportunities are delivered		N/A	0%
6. Safety for workers and the community	6.1 Safe interaction between freight network and the community	8%	100%	0%
	6.2 Safe port operations		100%	8%
SUM		100%		100%

Land and Marine Option Selection



MCA 2 - What we considered

Marine

- Weighted Benthic Habitat Scoring (Direct loss and indirect effects)
- Coastal Processes
- Flushing

Terrestrial

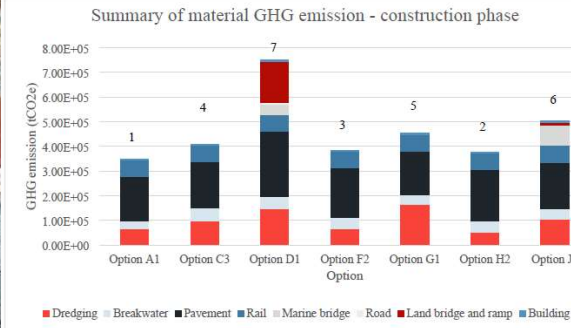
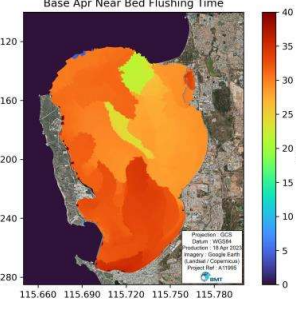
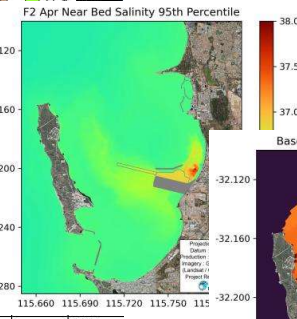
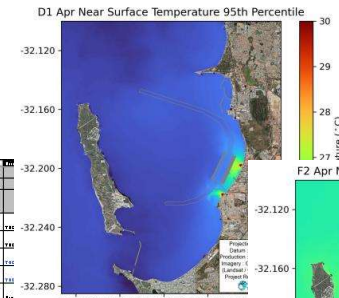
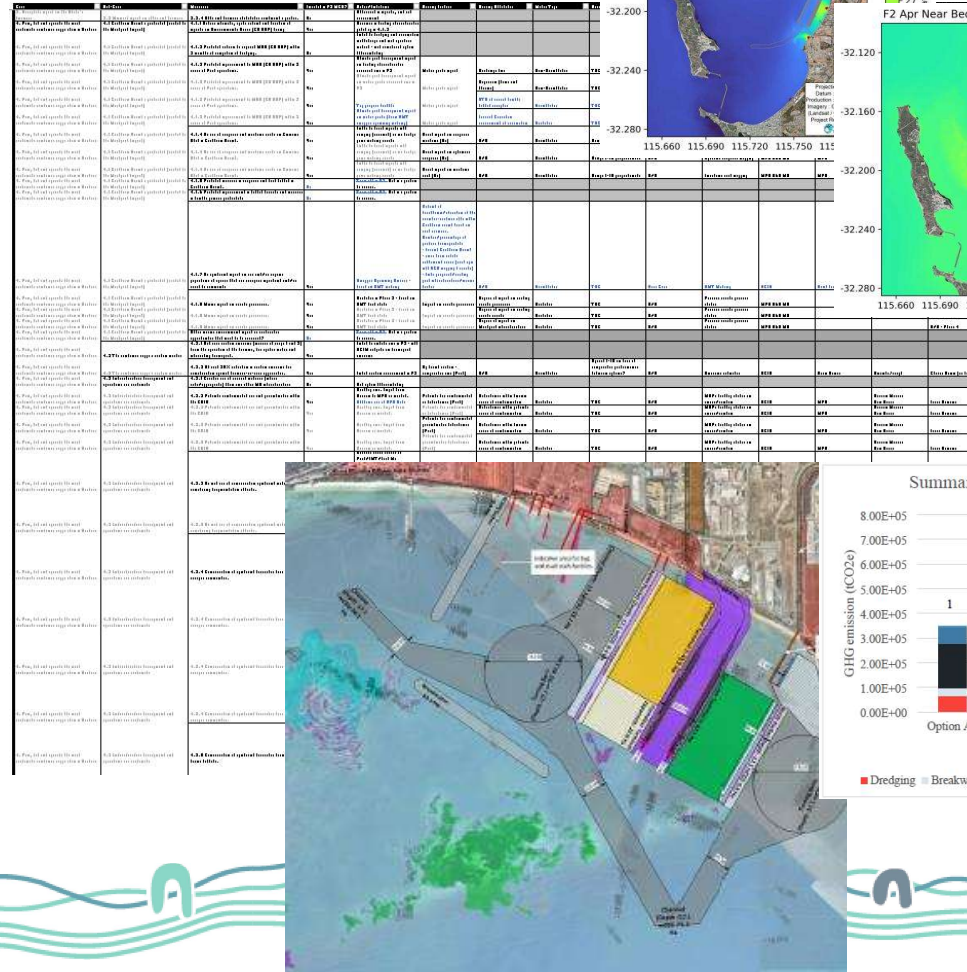
- Native vegetation clearing
- Ecological communities
- Fauna and faunal habitat
- Flora
- Contamination

Air

- Construction CO₂e emissions

Social

- Aboriginal heritage
- Historic heritage
- Marine heritage
- Terrestrial and Marine recreation



Phase 2 MCA Outcome – Shortlisted Options



Option F

- Ranked 4th overall in the MCA 2
- Key benefit was the potential cost and environmental benefits of not requiring a breakwater to protect south facing berths
- Avoids direct impacts on Synergy, NewGen and Water Corporation assets and operations



MCA 2 hydrodynamic modelling, showed that Option F was the worst performing option for flushing and coastal processes

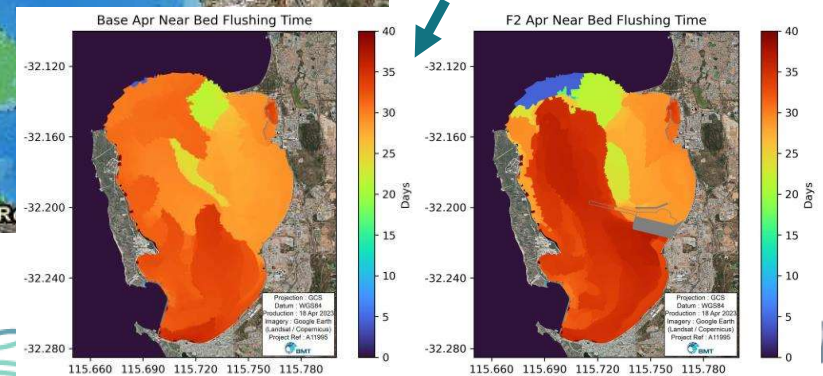
Challenges

- Reclamation off Kwinana Shelf
- Insufficient dredge material for reclamation
- Potential Southern Breakwater

Potential fatal flaws

- Flushing and circulation
- Snapper spawning impacts

April flushing near seabed (Base Case vs Option F)



MCA 3 – What we added

- Rescoring of all factors from MCA 2
- Aboriginal cultural and spiritual values mapping (Confidential)
- Tug Activity Assessment to include environmental considerations (localised and chronic turbidity) in addition to PSDP and be keyed to monitoring of existing turbidity at Alcoa Jetty
- Spring circulation modeling during snapper spawning and larvae fate modeling

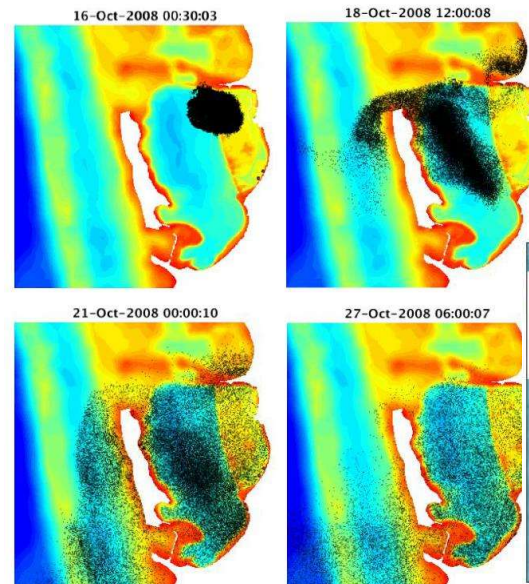
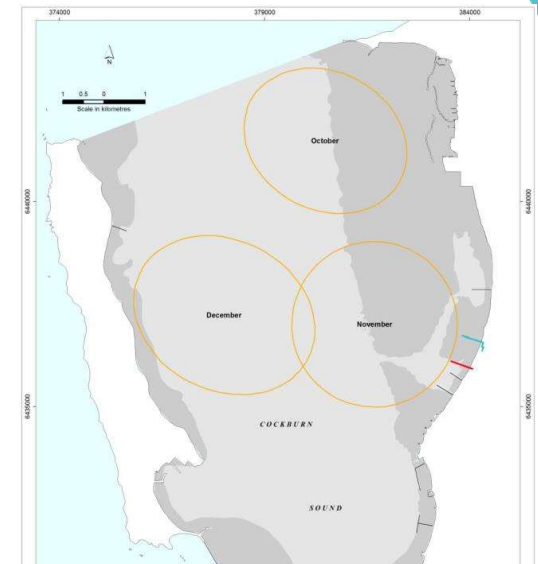
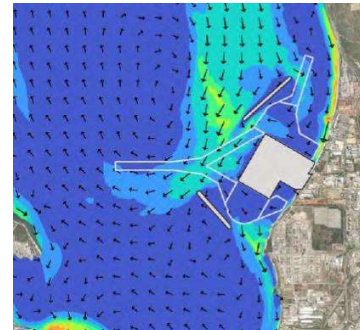
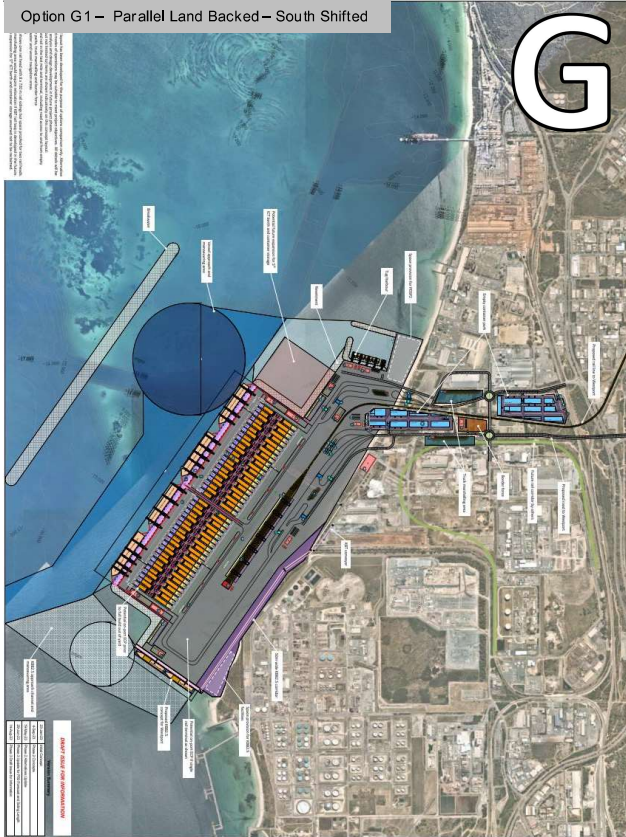
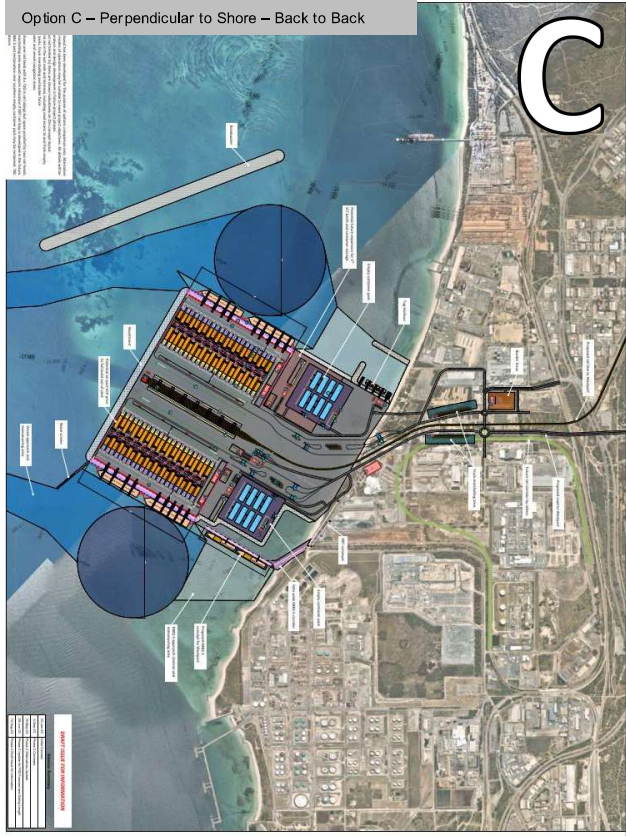
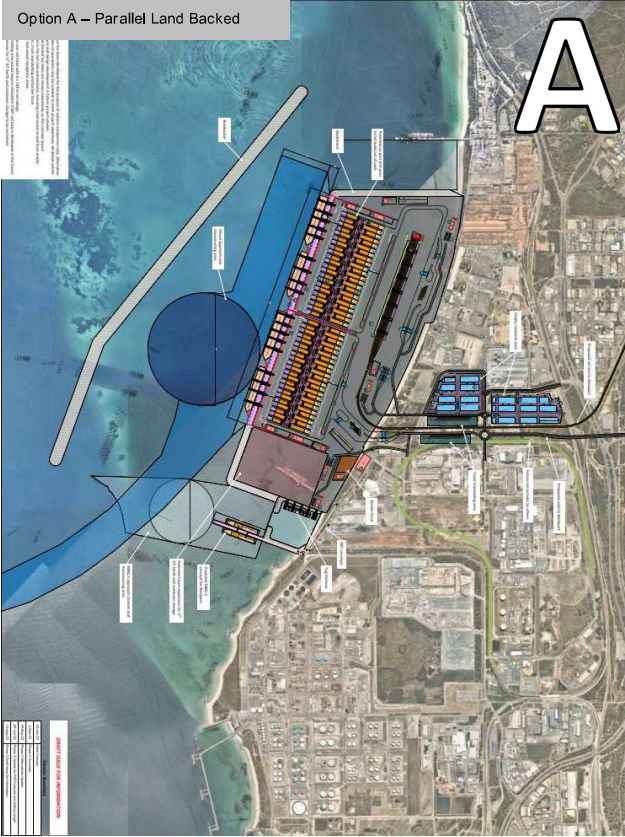


Figure 4.1 Vessel Arrival – 20/07/2010

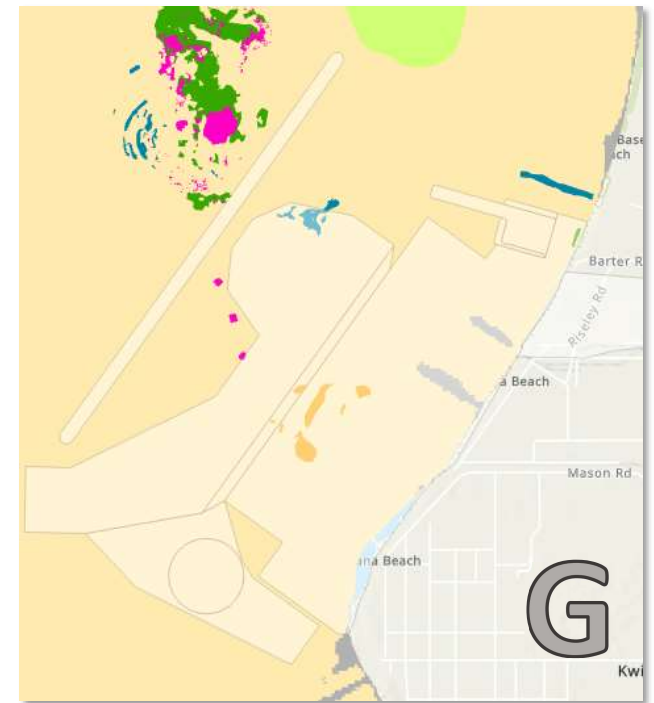
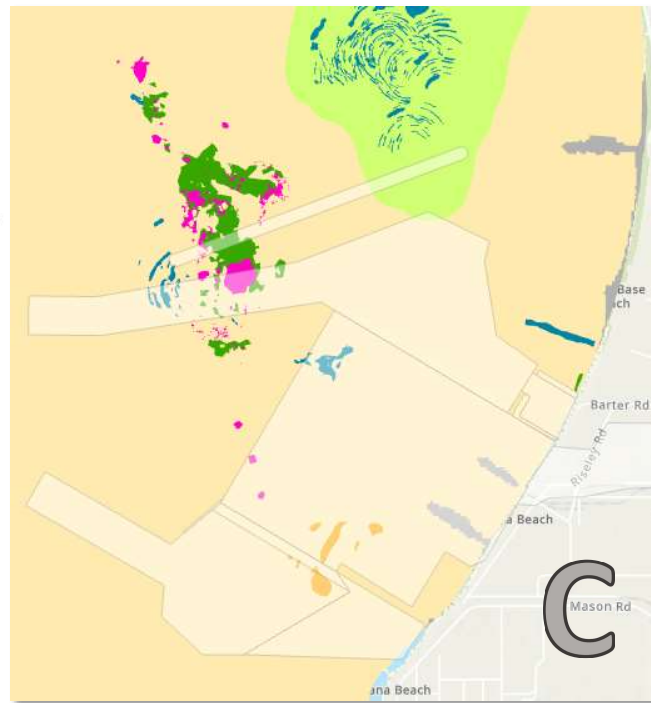
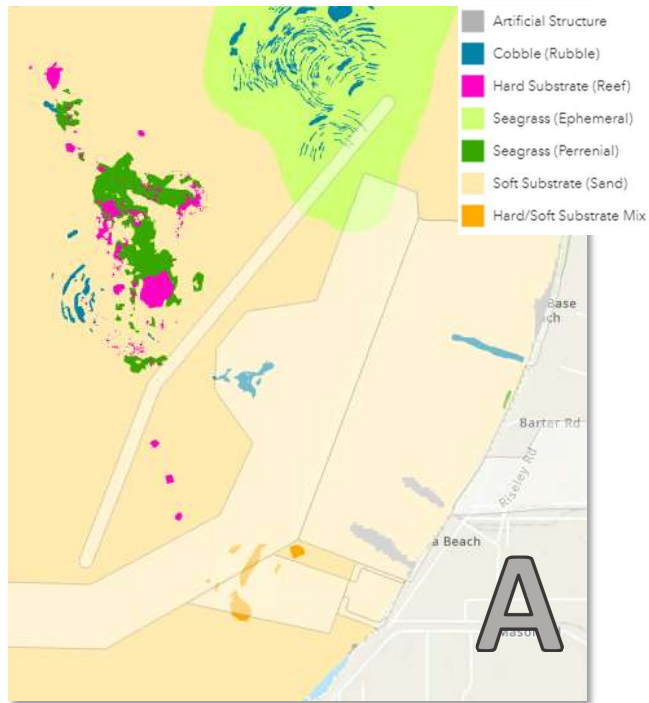
Figure 4.2 Vessel Arrival – 10/12/2013



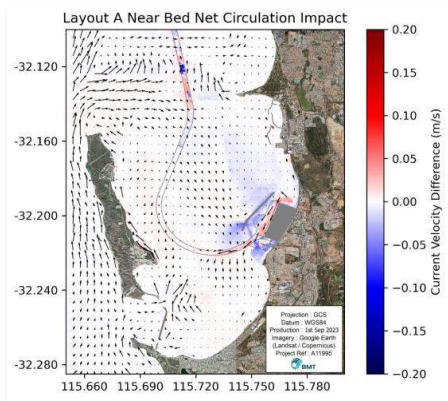
Phase 3 – Shortlist Options



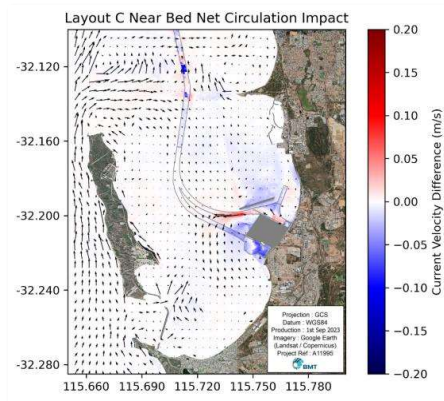
Benthic Communities



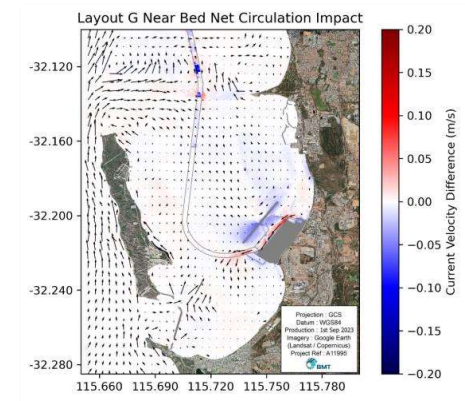
Hydrodynamics: Circulation



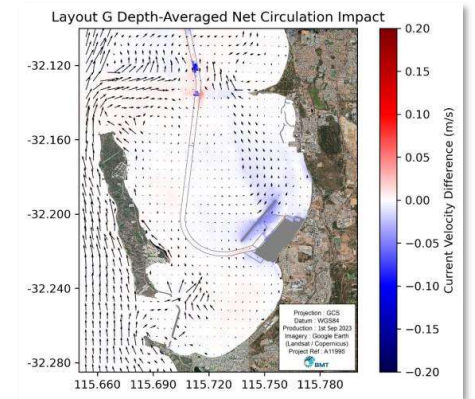
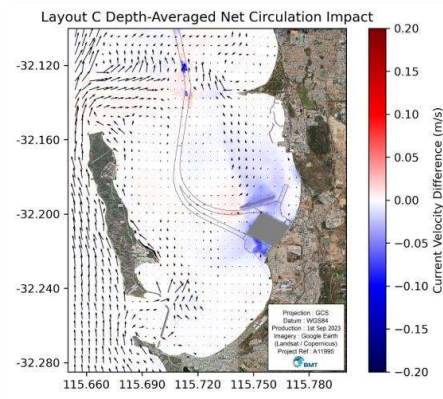
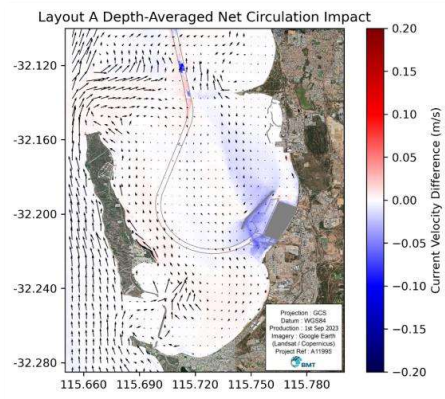
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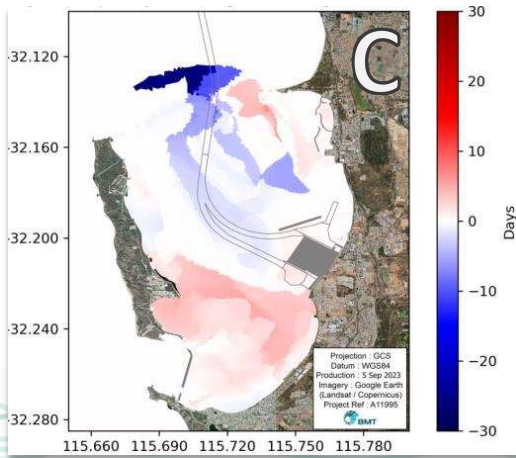
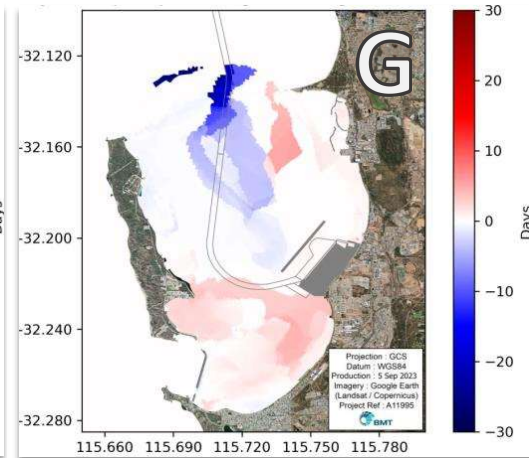
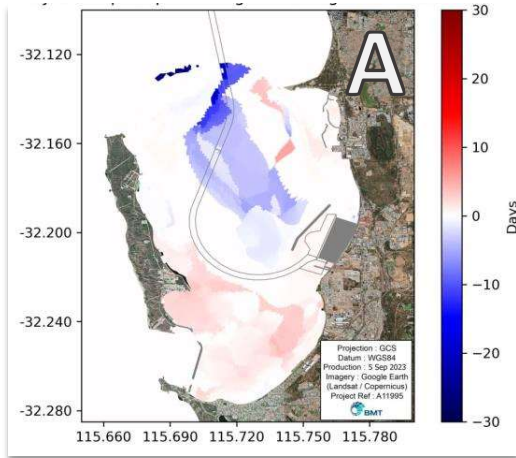
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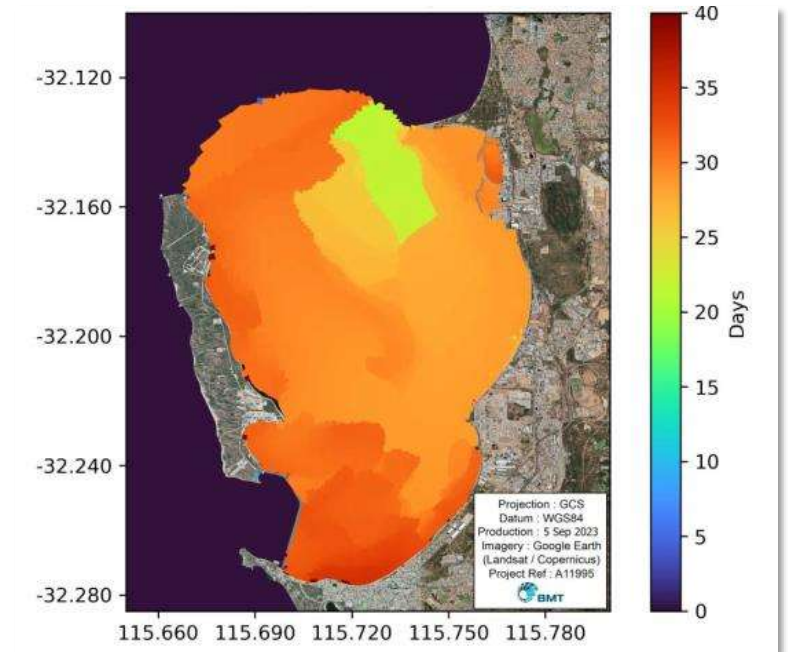
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Water Quality: Flushing



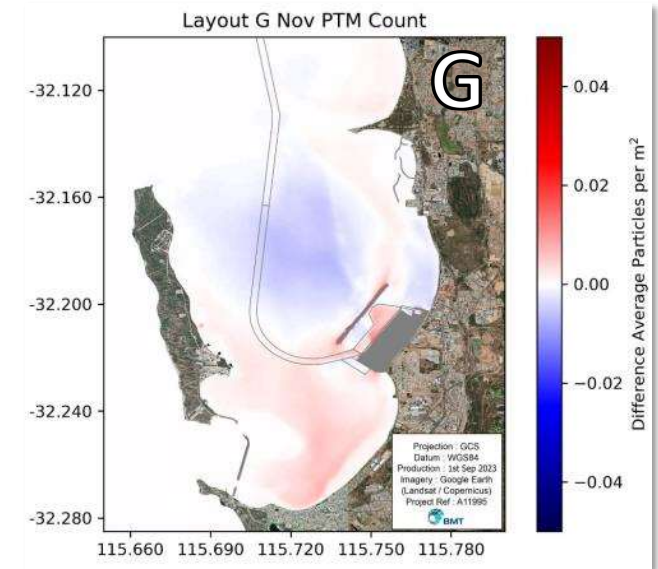
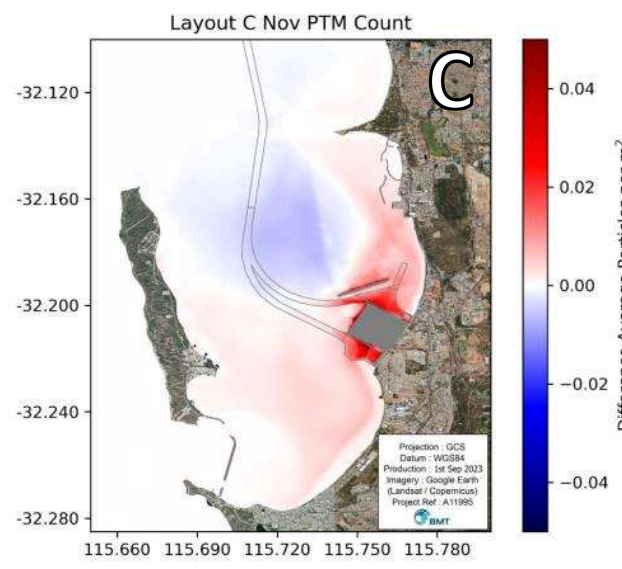
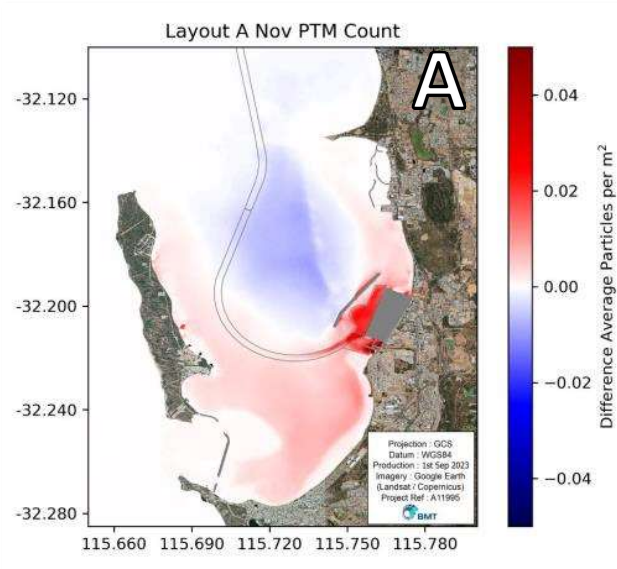
Shortlist Option Layouts:
Apr Depth-Averaged Flushing Time
Difference



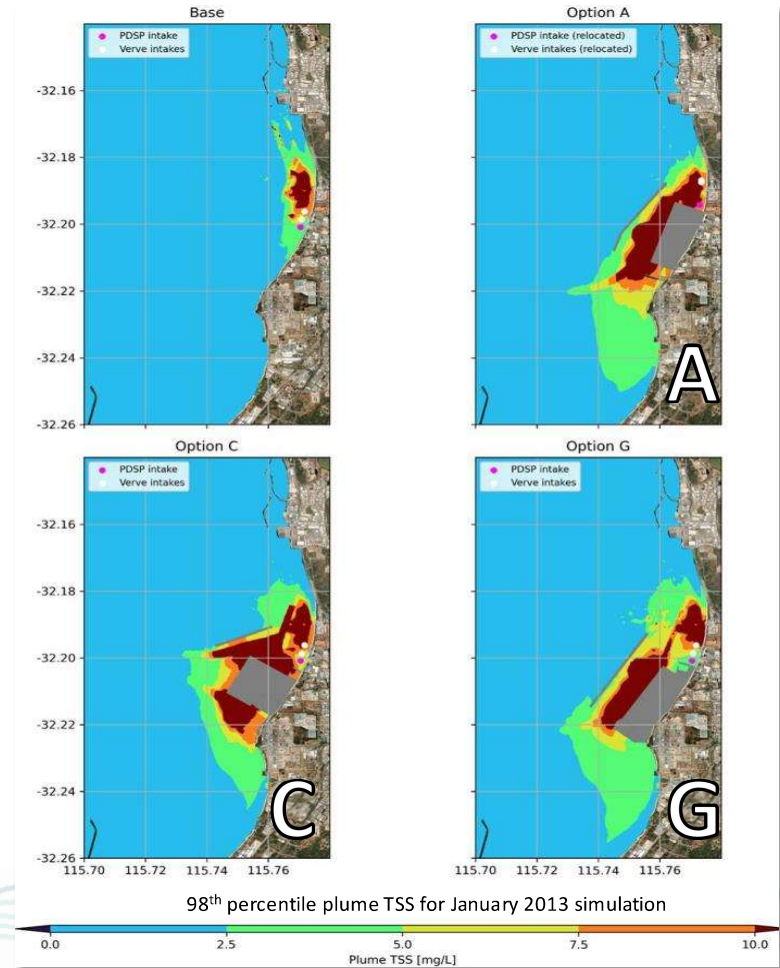
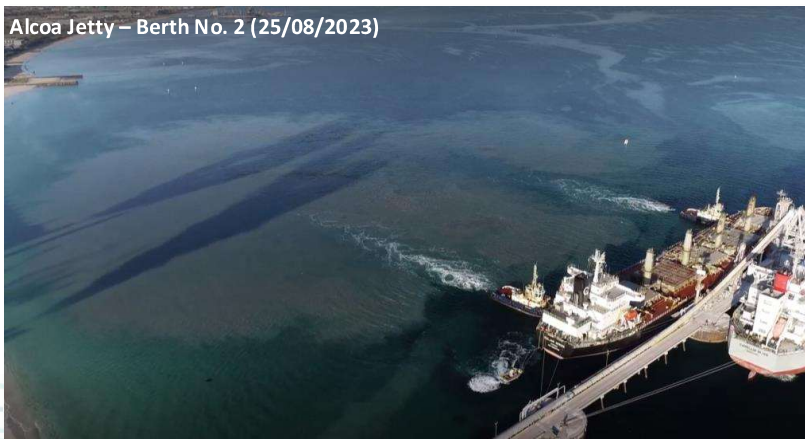
Base Case:
Apr Depth-Averaged Flushing Time
Difference



Snapper Spawning Larvae Dispersion Modelling

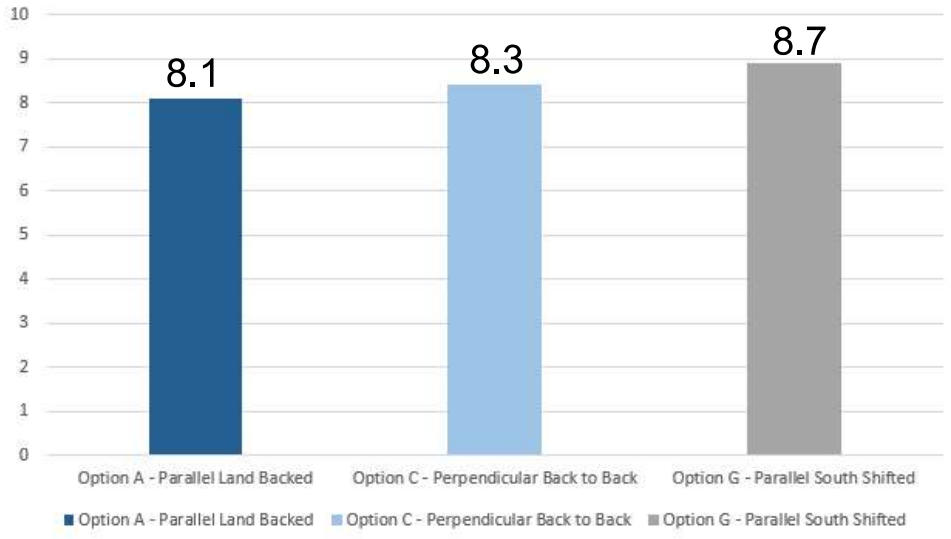


Water Quality: Resuspension of Sediments

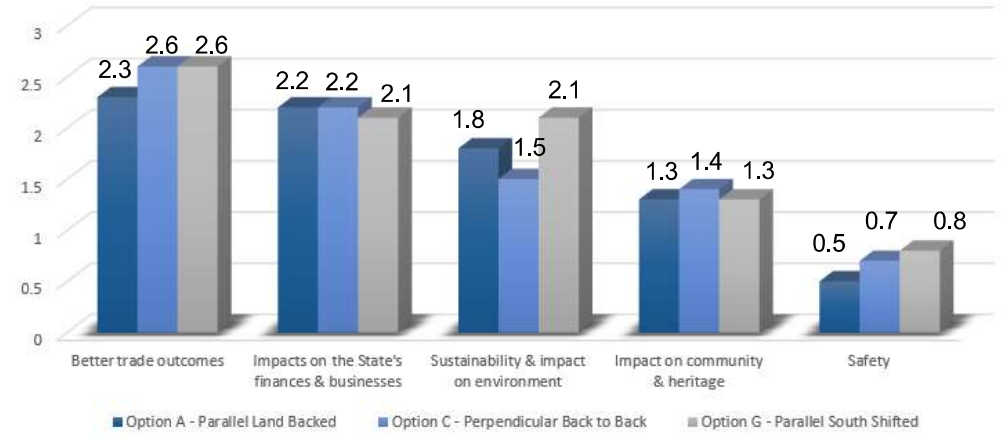


MCA Outcomes

Total Score

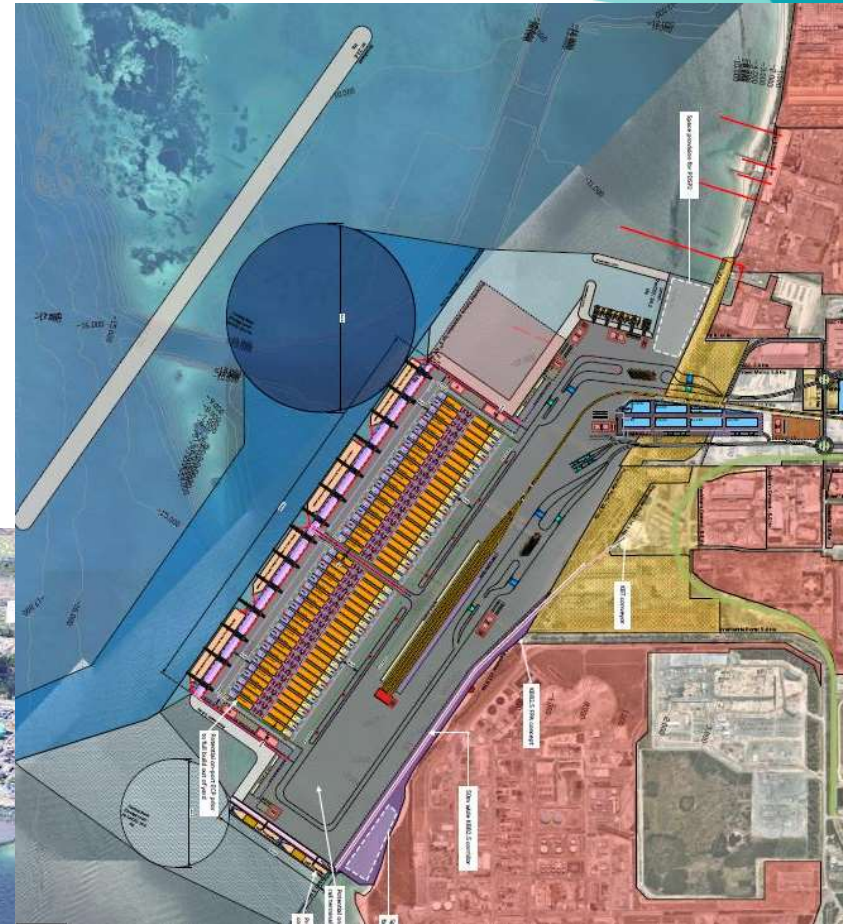


Goal Scores



Preferred Concept

- Potential to fully avoid direct impacts to seagrasses in the terminal area.
- Better flexibility and opportunity with regard to avoiding indirect impacts from turbidity during construction dredging and operations.
- Breakwater already functions well for circulation and will require less additional work and/or costs to implement innovative, net positive options.
- Expansion areas provide potential location for large scale seagrass rehabilitation support facilities likely required to support offset program and monitoring.



Questions

