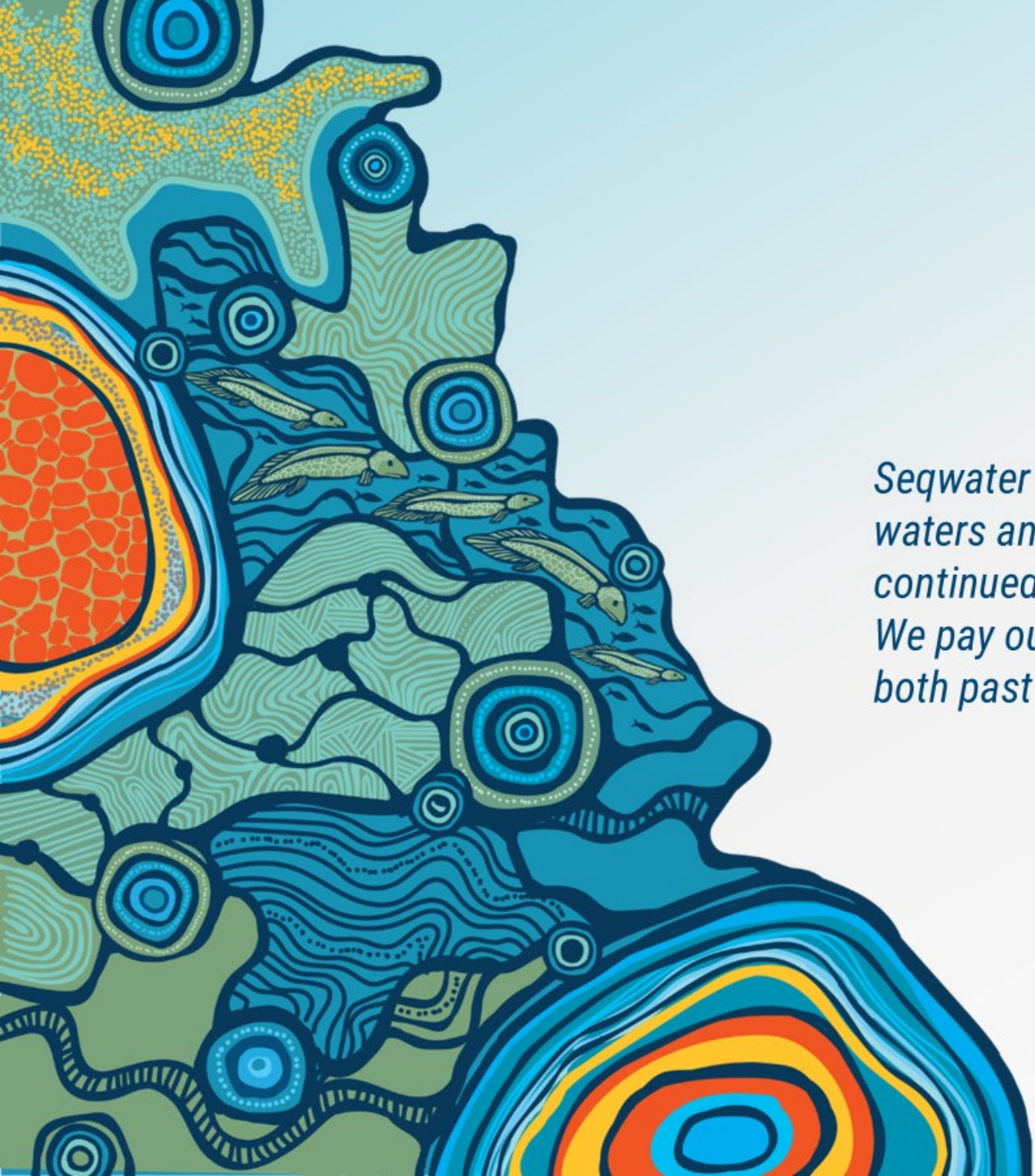


Lake Macdonald Dam Improvement Project

Community Reference Group
Meeting 4

Monday 11 August 2025





Seqwater acknowledges the Traditional Owners of these waters and surrounding lands and recognises their continued connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to elders both past and present.

Admin and updates

Agenda

1. Welcome, Apologies, Actions
2. Communication and stakeholder engagement
3. Approvals
4. Project update and cofferdam construction
5. Construction impacts
6. Environment
7. Rowing Club Development Application
8. General business
9. Next meeting

Administration

- Outstanding actions from last meeting

Signed consent forms

- Most returned. Confirm outstanding.

Site tour

- Planning for next meeting

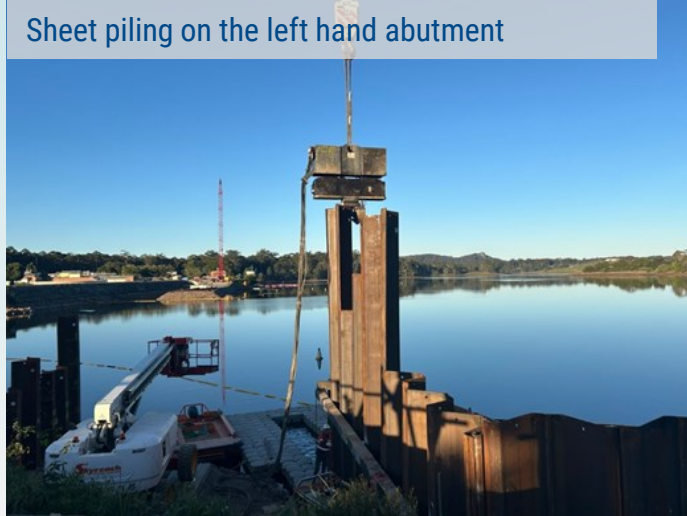
Project update

Construction update

Sheet piling on the left-hand abutment
2025 at 8:51:59 am
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Lake MacDonal QLD 4563
Australia



Sheet piling on the left hand abutment



Sheet piling on the right hand abutment



Sheet piling on the right hand abutment

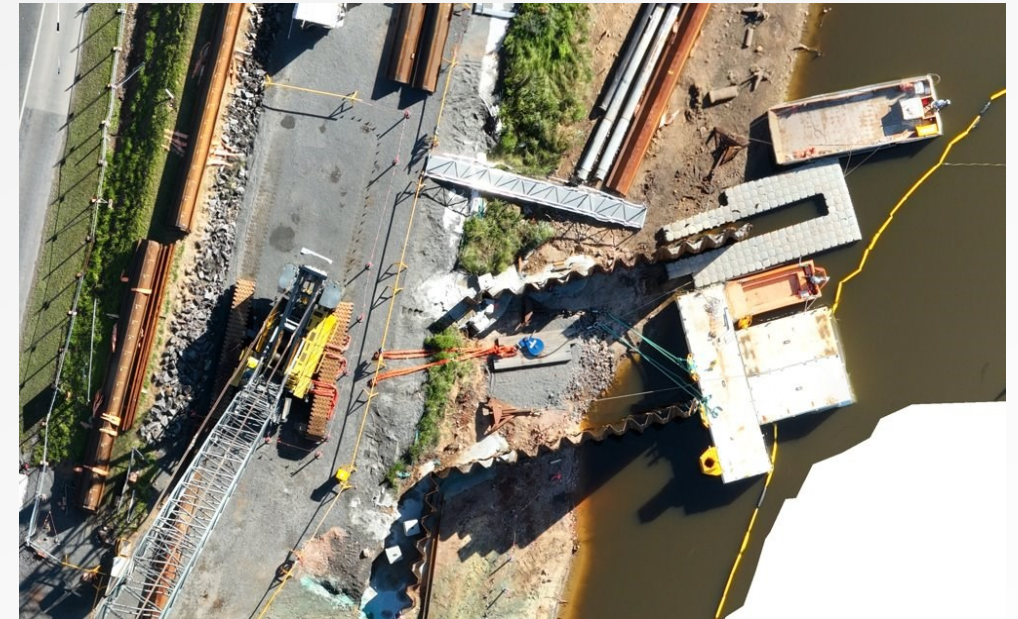


Internal haul roads ongoing



Cofferdam progress

- Sheet piling 15% complete
- Rock deliveries for rockfill between sheets commencing August 9
- Ground conditions will require the use of a piling hammer



Construction impacts

Noise, dust and vibration

- We minimise disruptions by proactively managing noise, dust and vibration during construction
- We manage impacts by:
 - Mitigation impacts at the source
 - Ongoing noise, dust and vibration monitoring
 - Regular community engagement and updates
 - Rapid response to address concerns and resolve issues

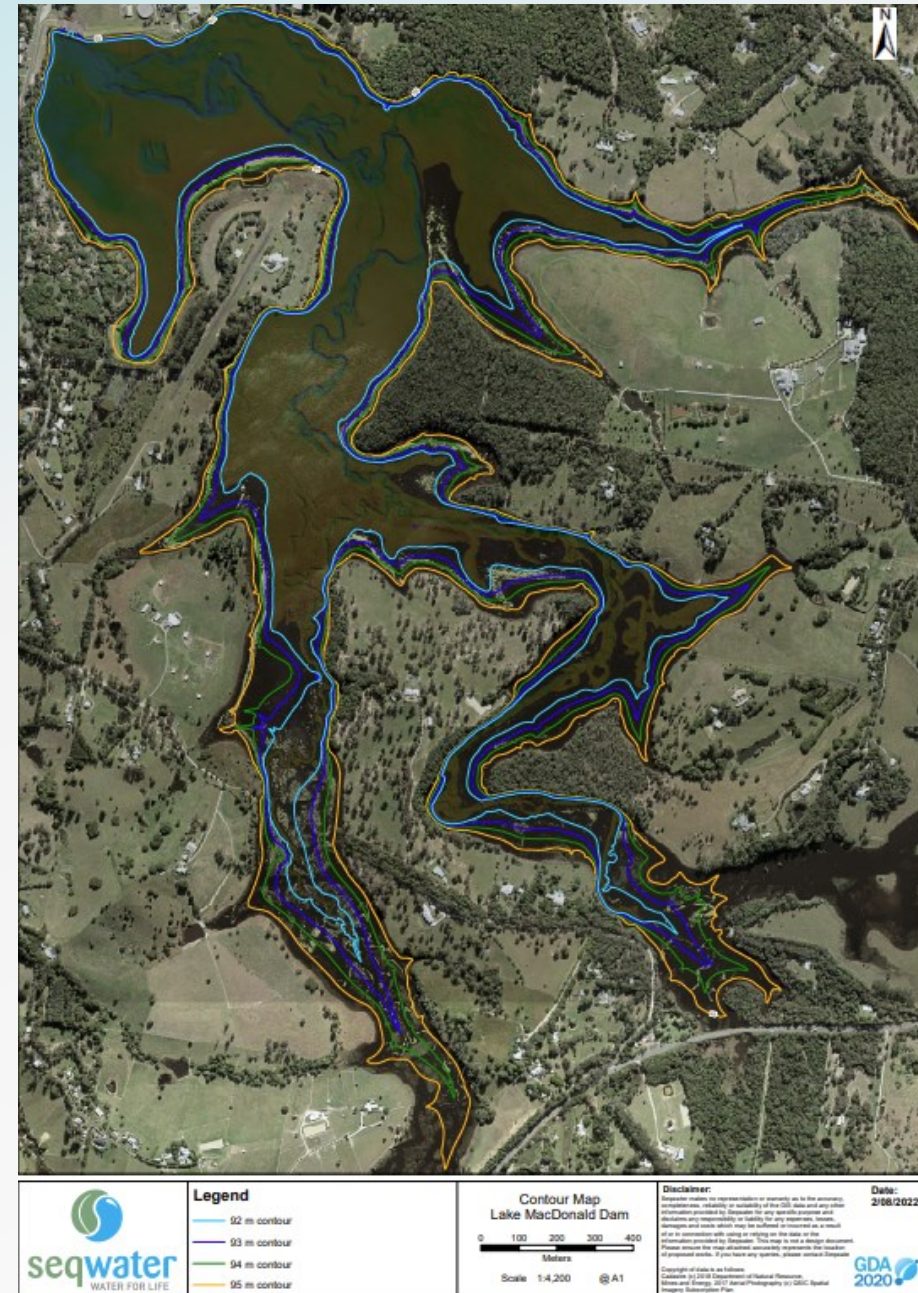
We welcome your feedback via the Community Hotline to ensure we can respond to any concerns promptly and effectively.



Lake lowering

Lake lowering

- Siphon commissioning undertaken from Monday 26 May to Thursday 26 June 2025.
- Lake lowering to 42% complete.
- Investigating the possibility of lowering the Operational Full Supply Level (OFSL) of Lake Macdonald Dam (LMD) from RL93 to RL92.8 m AHD, to provide additional freeboard for construction works, fish mortality, siphon operation and dam safety.



Environment

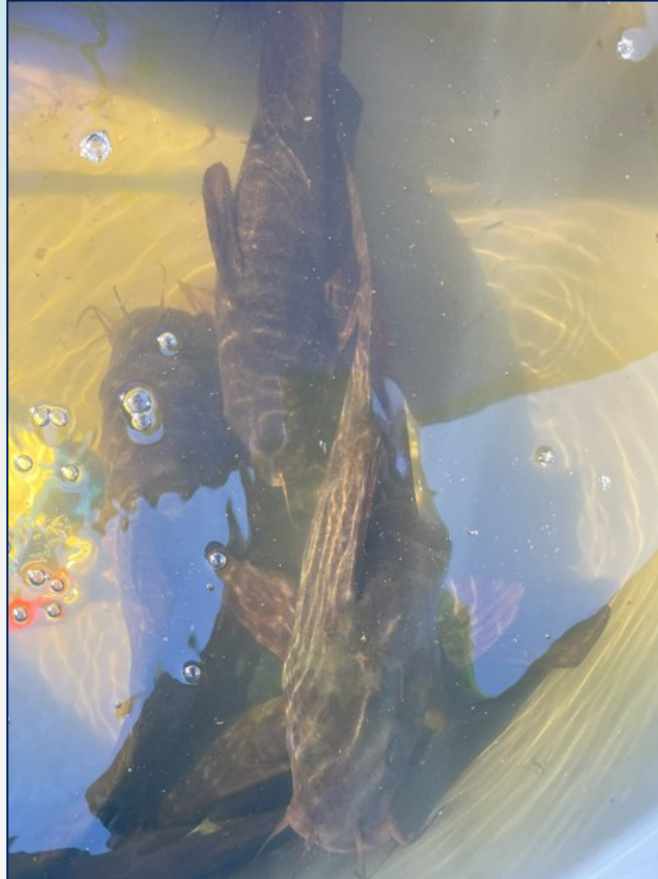
Fish salvage

Fish salvage operations were recently completed and in one week 683 large bodied fish were relocated to Cooloolabin Dam. One Mary River Cod was caught and released into the Mary River.

	Days effort					
Row Labels	1	2	3	4	5	Grand Total
Australian bass	28	15	50	142	18	253
Eeltail catfish	19	31	44	87	48	229
Longfinned eel	33	25	21	47	29	155
Mary River cod	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	80	72	115	276	95	683



Fish salvage



Timber Initiatives

Timber generated from the clearing activities will be repurposed for beneficial use



Rootballs: being donated to NSC for use in constructing 'habitat stacks', and are also being retained for incorporation as habitat features within the lake.



Timber logs: Donated to BMRG for creating cod logs.



Milling timbers: Donated to KKPA. To be stored at the KKPAC holding yard in Marcoola.

Cultural Heritage

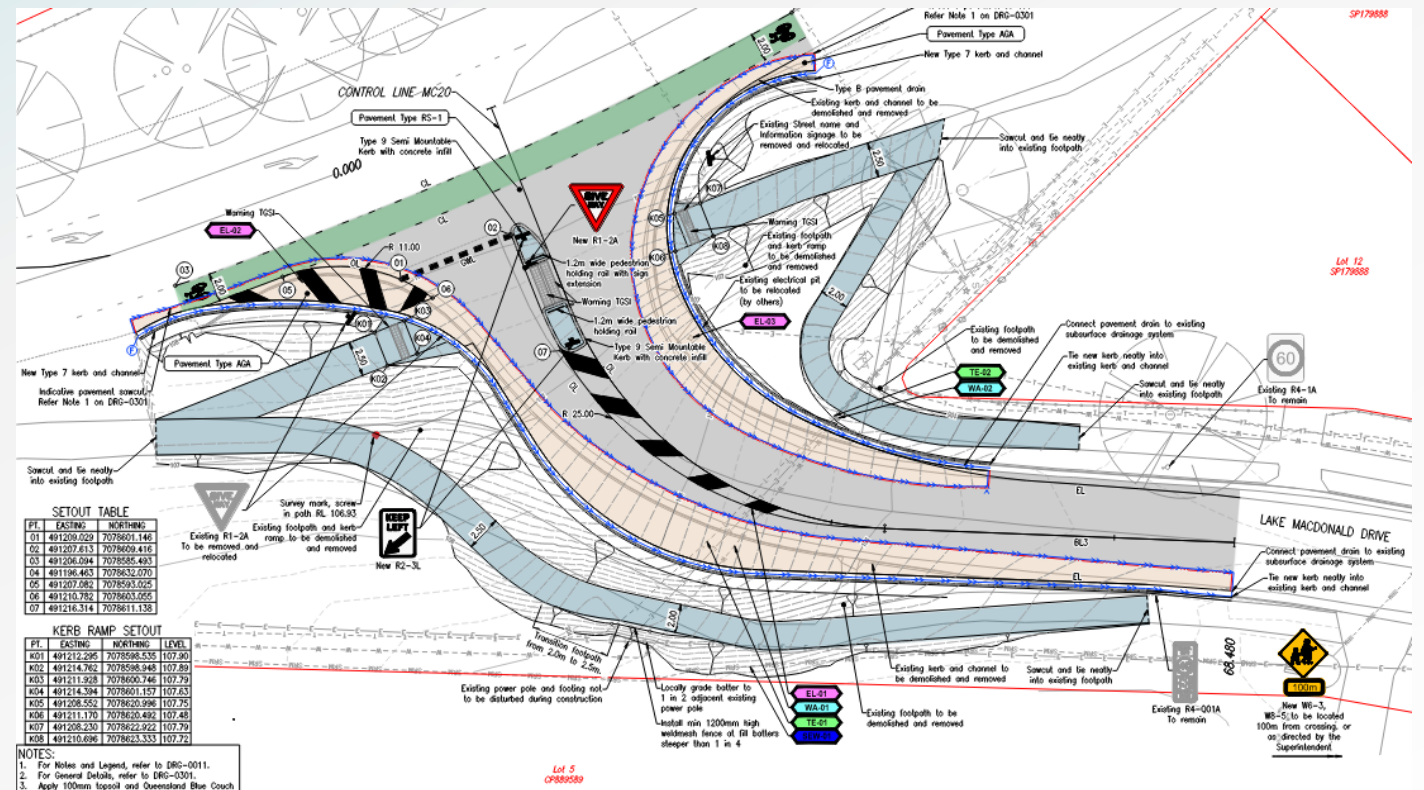


- CHMA signed with Kabi Kabi in April 2025.
- All project personnel must undergo 1hr cultural heritage inductions with Kabi Kabi. Completed over 2 days on 2nd and 4th June 2025.
- CH monitors onsite observing all vegetation clearing, topsoil stripping and fence post digging activities within Category 4 & 5 zones.

Lake Macdonald Drive and Elm Street intersection upgrade

Elm Street and Lake Macdonald Drive Intersection

- TMR workshop has been held - resulted in improvement for pedestrian movements (refuge being added to design)
- Construction drawings finalised.
- Works are under detailed planning for Q4



Recreation

Lake Macdonald Park boat ramp

- Seqwater Recreation and Operations team have worked together to remove silt, install rock, signage and flagging to keep vehicles off the boggy shoreline.
- Seqwater will continue to monitor the vessel launch site and boat ramp and adjust as required.



Communication updates

Stakeholder engagement

- Resident meetings
- Project newsletter
- Disaster Resilience event – 2 August
- LDMG meeting
- Noosa Council and Noosa EO meeting
- Environment study presentation to Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland planned
- Coffee in the park at Lake Macdonald Park – date TBC
- Positive community feedback about team response to truck movements



Community Benefits Framework

Introducing the Community Legacy Benefits Framework

What is it?

Seqwater is developing a Community Legacy Benefits Framework to guide how we deliver long-term, meaningful benefits to communities impacted by major infrastructure projects like the Lake Macdonald Dam Improvement Project.

Why does it matter?

The framework aims to:

Embed legacy thinking from the outset of projects

Strengthen community trust and reduce the need for reactive engagement

Identify both planned and emergent benefits through ongoing consultation

How will it be used?

To inform project business cases and engagement strategies

To support transparent decision-making about community investment

To ensure benefits align with what the community values most

Next steps

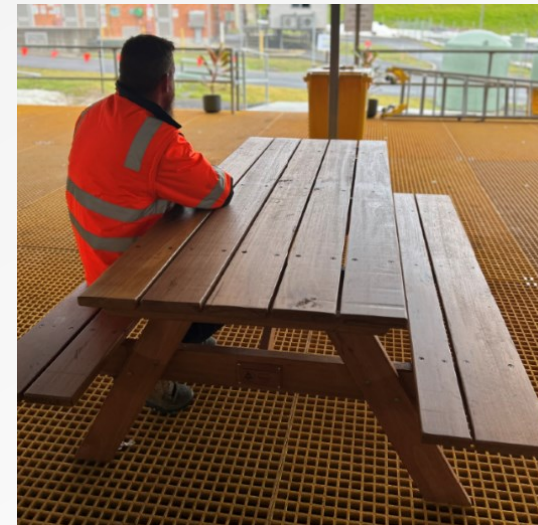
The framework is currently under review and refinement

Community Sponsorship

- John Holland engaged Cooroora Woodworks Club in Cooroy to build three timber picnic tables for the site lunch area. Team currently discussing options to donate felled timber to CWC.
- Other donation initiatives ie Cash for Cans and vending machines

Open discussion

Are there any unmet needs within the community that we should be aware of? While the project may not be able to address all of them directly, understanding these needs could help inform future opportunities for support.



Future meeting discussions

Future meetings

Meeting 5 19 November

- Wet season
- Demolition

Other future meeting discussions

- Legacy projects
- Future construction
phase breakdowns
- Gympie Weir
upgrade

Questions

Conclusion

**Next meeting Wednesday 19 November
2025**

Thank you