



## Commonwealth of Australia

### *Exemption under section 158 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*

I, Murray Watt, Minister for the Environment and Water, acting under section 158 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) and being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, exempt the State of Queensland, and those acting on behalf of the State of Queensland, from the application of all of the provisions of Part 3 and Parts 7 through 9 of Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act, in relation to the following action:

The taking of **emergency works**, prior to and during the 2025/2026 **Queensland summer storm season**, to address the immediate risks to maritime and public safety, and infrastructure and property posed by recent breakthrough events and associated erosion at the northern end of Bribie Island.

In this notice:

**Emergency works** means urgent temporary works to stabilise sections of northern Bribie Island against further erosion and to improve navigational passage, including:

- a. Works to close and stabilise **breakthroughs #2 and #3**.
- b. Works to buffer the Bribie Island segment between **breakthroughs #2 and #3**, and the tidal entrance to the Pumicestone Passage through construction of a temporary dune barrier, extension of the island segment and/or construction of a sand bank inside the Pumicestone Passage.
- c. Creation of a temporary channel between the northern end of Pumicestone Passage and the tidal entrance (to improve water circulation and enhance water quality and navigational access).

**Queensland summer storm season** means the period of 1 November to 30 April.

**Breakthroughs #2 and #3** are the two southern most breakthroughs that have occurred since 2022 along the northern reach of Bribie Island.

This exemption takes effect on the date of this notice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Watt', written over a horizontal line.

Minister for the Environment and Water

Dated the 21st day of August 2025