

Potential Q&A

Why is this project necessary?

Over time, sediment naturally builds up in the riverbed, this can slow waterflow, reduce water quality and affect aquatic life. The dredging is being done to gently restore the river's natural function – improving flow, supporting ecosystems and preventing further build up.

How much of the river will be dredged?

Only specific, targeted sections of the river will be dredged – based on surveys and environmental advice. We have chosen the areas that need attention most, while avoiding areas of cultural or ecological sensitivity.

Will fish or wildlife be affected?

Minimising harm to wildlife is a top priority. The equipment we are using creates very low disturbance and turbidity, meaning the water stays mostly clear. If monitoring shows any signs of stress to fish or other species, work will be paused and reviewed immediately.

Will this impact local cultural sites or significance?

We have taken cultural views into account throughout the planning process and we are working closely with local stakeholders to ensure no sites are disturbed. All equipment stays within designated areas, and we welcome any guidance to ensure we continue to respect country properly.

What happens to the sediment after its collected?

The sediment is pumped into Geo Tubes, which safely contain it while allowing water to drain. Once the material is dry, it can be tested and either disposed of responsibly or reused if suitable. Nothing will be released back into the river unless it has been properly handled.

Will there be noise or disruption to the area?

The dredge is small and relatively quiet. It operates on the water with minimal shore activity. We have set clear zones for equipment and limited working hours to reduce any impact on the community and surround environment.

How long will the project take?

The timeline depends on weather and sediment conditions, but we are expecting the operation to be less than 3 months. Our goal is to work efficiently whilst ensuring we remain careful and respectful throughout.

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What environmental monitoring is in place?

We will be monitoring turbidity (water clarity), water quality and other environmental indicators during the entire project. If anything is outside of safe limits, work will be stopped and reassessed. This is part of our commitment to doing things the right way whilst also adhering to a strict environmental management plan.

Will the community be updated during the work?

Yes, we will keep lines of communication open and provide updates as the project progresses. If you have questions at any point, we will be happy to answer them for you or arrange follow ups.

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