

Business development gets the green thumbs up

THE \$628 million Northeast Business Park (NBP) is a step closer with the State Coordinator-General giving the development's environmental impact statement (EIS) conditional approval.

State Planning Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the

report concluded the project's environmental impacts could be managed with conditions.

Some MBRC councillors, and the Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association, have previously expressed concerns about

the effects of the dredging of 7.5km of the Caboolture River and Deception Bay needed to provide access to the proposed marina.

The Coordinator-General, Colin Jensen, said the existing water quality of the Caboolture River estuary was

poor (rating D-) and the proposed development had potential benefits for improving it in the long-term.

Mr Jensen's final report will now go to the Federal Environment Minister to assess matters of national environmental significance.

The NBP proposal includes 169ha of industry and businesses, a 911-berth marina, a marina village with restaurants, public areas and homes, and about 420ha of open space including a golf course and environment centre.