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Cr Parsons said he was worried dredging the Caboolture River could turn it and Deception Bay into a cesspool.

Only councillors Chris Whiting (Division 2) and Adrian Raedel (Division 12) opposed the refusal.

In refusing the material change of use for the eastern component, the council cited several conflicts with the planning scheme, concerns about flooding and environmental issues.

Cr Sutherland said that up to two-thirds of the property on the eastern side was on a flood plain and the council was not satisfied the development would not shift flood problems elsewhere.

Although the State Co-ordinator General has approved the project's environmental impact statement, the federal environment minister still has to give his approval.

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On shaky ground

By GLENN ROBERTS

MORAYFIELD'S \$628 million North Harbour project is in doubt.

Moreton Bay Regional Council is refusing to approve the marina and residential component of the project on environmental grounds.

Even though the council gave preliminary approval for the 170 ha commercial precinct pro-

\$628 million development in doubt

posed for the western section, Northeast Business Park Pty Ltd chief executive officer Jeff Smith would not say if it would proceed.

Mr Smith said North Harbour was an integrated development and "you just can't cherry pick". Asked if it was viable without

the marina and residential element he said: "Our position is this is a master-planned community."

Northeast Business Park is expected to decide today whether to exercise its legal options.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said the

council was concerned about the marina and dredging on the Caboolture River and Deception Bay.

"Council is taking a precautionary approach and needs to be convinced the eastern (marina and residential) component won't leave the Caboolture River catch-

ment and the bay in worse shape," Cr Sutherland said.

During debate on the application at Tuesday's co-ordination committee meeting, Deputy Mayor Greg Chippendale and Cr Gary Parsons (Division 1) also raised fears over the environmental impact.

Cr Parsons said dredging had "raped and pillaged" the Brisbane River.

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