

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

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Senator Waters asked:

Can the department outline whether or not the dredging inside the boundaries of a Ramsar listed wetland is consistent with Australia's obligations under the Ramsar convention?

Answer:

The likely impacts of dredging within the boundaries of a Ramsar wetland are considered on a case by case basis. Previous proposals involving dredging have been the subject of decisions under the EPBC Act, including EPBC 2011/6014 Yaringa Boat Harbour, Western Port, Victoria and 2010/5515 Point Grey Marina Project, Western Australia.