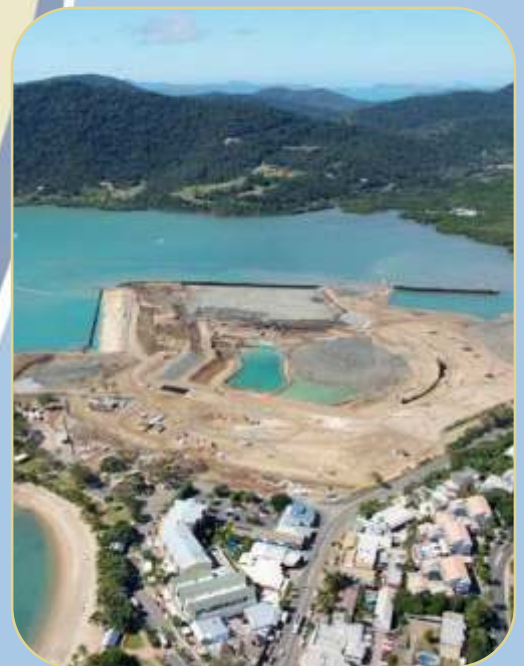


- ♦ The Port Of Airlie will voluntarily reinstate a shorter working week to reduce pile driving noise during the September-October 2008 school holidays.
- ♦ The concession from marina developer Meridien follows on from an earlier voluntary reduction in working hours during school holidays in July, 2008.
- ♦ The shorter working week will be in accord with the previously reduced hours of operation. The reduction required ratification from the Environmental Protection Agency because it was a departure from conditions of the development approval.
- ♦ Sheet piles are being driven into place in two ways. The first is by 'vibration driving' where the sheet piles are vibrated into position. The second is by 'percussion driving' where the sheets are hammered into place. Percussion pile driving is used where sub-soil materials render vibration driving impractical.
- ♦ The shorter working week will be implemented from September 19 to October 6, 2008 and will eliminate percussion sheet pile driving on Saturdays. (No sheet pile driving is undertaken on Sundays).
- ♦ Sheet pile driving times are being further amended to start from 9 a.m.
- ♦ Prior to the reduction, vibration pile driving could start at 7 a.m. and percussion pile driving from 8 a.m.
- ♦ Notwithstanding further weather delays or difficult geological conditions being encountered, sheet pile driving is now scheduled to be completed by the end of September, 2008.
- ♦ The sheet piling forms an impermeable environmental barrier between the development site and the waters beyond.
- ♦ The sheet piling is a special marine grade material imported from Belgium and is used in development applications where isolating surrounding landscapes and waterways is of paramount importance.
- ♦ For these reasons and despite its higher cost over other construction methodologies, the installation of sheet pile walls is the construction practice at Port Of Airlie preferred by the approving agencies.
- ♦ The obvious downside is the resultant noise while it is being installed.
- ♦ Compounding that is the need to use percussion piling near the shoreline which obviously locates the louder noise closer to residential and tourism areas.



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