

## Media Statement

24 April 2014

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### Incident Notification

Ports North's first strike response oil spill team have responded to a reported small rainbow coloured fuel sheen believed to have originated from the Portsmouth area. The response team attended with vessels and dispersed, where possible, the sheen in Smith's Creek on the outgoing tide on Tuesday, 22 April 2014.

Since the sheen was first reported on Tuesday, 22 April 2014 in Smith's Creek very small amounts of rainbow coloured sheen has also been reported at the main wharves and within the Marina as the sheen moves with the tide. Ports North's response team have installed booms across the Fearnley Street drain to prevent any further sheen entering the Inlet from this location and the sheen is being monitored as it progressively disperses.

Maritime Safety Queensland and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection have been notified and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection are investigating the location and cause of the incident.

Ports North provides a first strike response service in the event of any oil spill incident that enters marine waters within the port limits, whether the spill originates from marine activities or via stormwater drains from land based activities throughout the city.