

## Port of Mourilyan Land Use Plan Update – Q & A's

### What is a Land Use Plan?

A Land Use Plan is the statutory planning framework that manages development on Strategic Port Land. It guides land use and development to support sustainable outcomes while protecting environmental, cultural, and community values. The Plan applies to Strategic Port Land owned and managed by Ports North and provides the assessment framework for development, rather than the relevant local government planning scheme.

### What doesn't a Port Land Use Plan update consider?

A Port Land Use Plan update sets the planning framework for port land but does not approve individual developments, regulate day to day port operations, override State or Commonwealth legislation, replace project specific environmental assessments, or plan broader regional infrastructure.

### Why is the Land Use Plan Update needed?

The Land Use Plan Update is required to meet statutory obligations and ensure the planning framework reflects contemporary best practice. It updates provisions and mapping to improve clarity and alignment with current planning standards, supporting the Port of Mourilyan's ongoing operation as a valued regional asset in a sensitive environmental setting.

### What are the benefits of the Updated Land Use Plan?

The Updated Land Use Plan provides a framework to support sustainable growth, compatible land uses, and improved community outcomes. It enables consideration of future commercial and operational capacity while ensuring port infrastructure and services continue to meet operational and community needs. The update is informed through collaboration with government entities and stakeholders to align with planning frameworks and balance a range of interests.

### How does the Land Use Plan Update align with environmental and cultural values?

The Land Use Plan Update recognises the Port of Mourilyan's environmental setting and its role in supporting the local community and regional economy. It will support efficient port operations while protecting environmental values, maintaining community amenity, and guiding sustainable long-term use of port land.

## **Who is developing the Updated Land Use Plan?**

Ports North is responsible for preparing the Updated Land Use Plan and will work with relevant government entities and a range of port, industry, and community stakeholders as part of the update process.

## **What will the Updated Land Use Plan consider?**

The Updated Land Use Plan will consider key planning, land use, infrastructure, environmental, access, and community interface matters to ensure it reflects the operational context of the port and its surrounding area. The Plan is prepared in the context of port operations and marine services and does not directly alter those activities.

## **How will Ports North deliver the Land Use Plan Update?**

The Land Use Plan update will be delivered in phases, beginning with early consultation with government entities, port operators, and stakeholders.

The Statement of Proposal will be released for a 40-business-day consultation period, running from 6 May to 1 July 2026. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Draft Land Use Plan, which will be published for further consultation before finalisation and gazettal by the Minister.

## **How will feedback be addressed?**

All submissions will be recorded, reviewed, and considered in preparing the Land Use Plan update, with outcomes documented in consultation reports prior to Ministerial approval.