

# Planning for the future



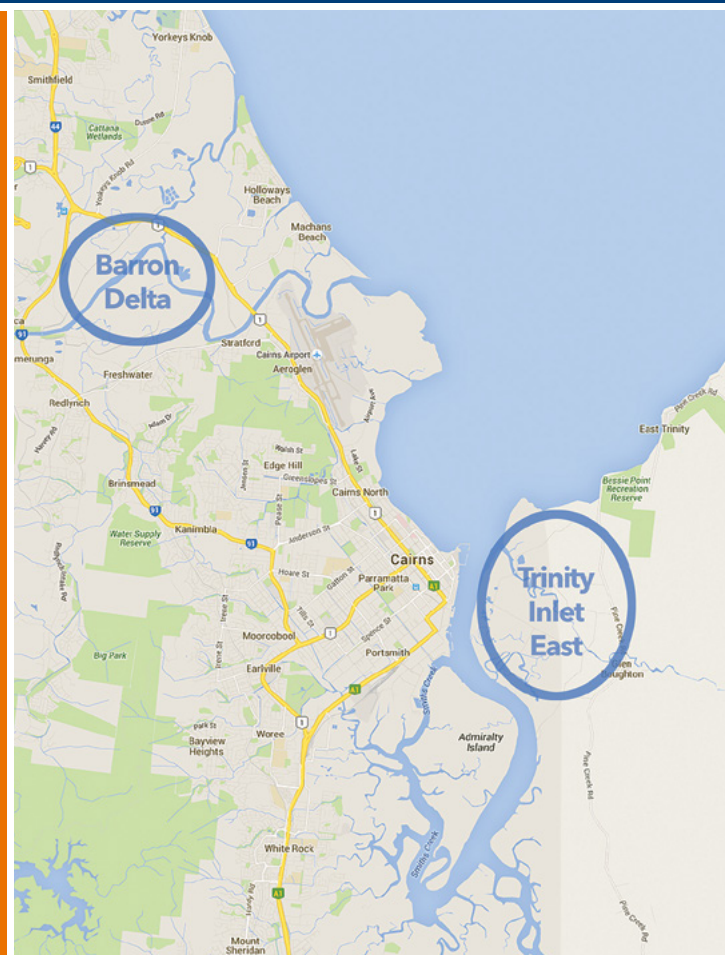
The Port of Cairns is a critical enabler of tourism, trade and defence for the region. The Cairns Shipping Development Project (CSDP) aims to develop Port infrastructure in order to secure a greater share of the lucrative international cruise ship market, enhance Naval capacity and improve Port efficiencies. Ports North is continuing to progress the CSDP completing a revised project scope to deliver a new opportunity to expand the Port of Cairns. This new approach will provide significant economic benefits to the Region while supporting future growth opportunities for Cairns and the Region.

- Revised channel design for Mega cruise ships up to 300 metres
- No sea disposal of capital dredge material
- Significant reduction in dredge volume
- Significant reduction in project costs
- Significant growth in Mega Cruise Ships

## Project Scope

- Additional 37 new Mega cruise ships by 2026, increasing to 59 with the continuation of home-porting in Cairns and development of new Brisbane cruise liner terminal
- 1 million cubic metres of dredge material
- \$120 million project costs

The revised Project significantly reduces the required capital dredge volume with two land-based disposal options being identified for potential placement or treatment of the material.





## Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Ports North commenced an EIS into channel improvements in late 2012 in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out by both the State and Federal Governments. During the course of the EIS, changes including the Federal Government's regulation on sea disposal and the Queensland Government's *Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015* impacted the EIS outcomes.

The Queensland Coordinator General has extended the time period for finalisation of the EIS report to 30 June 2017. This allows Ports North to revise the EIS in consideration of legislation changes while maintaining the Project intent of increased cruise and other shipping access to the Port of Cairns.

## What's Next

Ports North is committed to finding the best Project outcome that continues to protect the Great Barrier Reef and delivers the opportunity to provide the greatest economic and community benefit for the region.

It is essential that environmental, economic and social impacts are thoroughly investigated and understood to secure this future opportunity for Cairns and the region.

The next stage of the Project will involve -

- Baseline studies of the two identified land sites and surrounding waterways;
- A rigorous investigation of potential impacts associated with the two identified land site options including placement and treatment methodologies, land works design and establishing environmental management frameworks;
- Confirmation of revised channel design through further shipping simulations;
- Confirmation of the economic benefits to the region; and
- Preparation of the final report for submission to the Queensland Coordinator-General and Commonwealth Department of the Environment.

Consultation with stakeholders will continue throughout this process and further updates and information on the Project is available on the Ports North website [www.portsnorth.com.au](http://www.portsnorth.com.au)

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