



Project Overview

Ports North is planning ahead.

Our Ports Master Planning Project for both the Port of Cairns **AND** Port of Mourilyan is progressing well.

We are currently working on the **Baseline Assessment Report** that will provide a great foundation for the project. Due to the large amount of information gained from a range of stakeholder engagement meetings and evidence-based information including industry and government sources, we now expect the report to be finalised by the end of 2019.

We will be providing a strategic summary of the Baseline Assessment Report early in 2020.

Where are we up to?

Our master planning process is progressing through the following major steps (with anticipated timeframes listed below):



Next Stages:

Baseline Assessment - review existing performance, infrastructure issues, environmental values, land use and berth utilisations, capacity issues, cargo and passenger growth scenarios, non-trade port demands and port/community interface issues.

Options Analysis - develop and test a range of infrastructure and land use options in and around the port for future development, considering short (0-10), medium (10-20) and longer-term (20+years) scenarios. This stage will include assessment and comparative analysis of economic and financial, environmental and community/social outcomes.

Final Plan Development - finalise preferred master plans and communicate outcomes.

Our master planning process will be consistent with the Ports Australia Leading Practice Guidelines in terms of the range of issues considered and the final content of planning documents.

Stakeholder Involvement

We've always stated that as part of our project method, we will be talking with a range of stakeholders through every stage of the project – as we believe this is central to our planning success.

To date, we have spoken with over 30 key stakeholder groups (including port tenants/operators, industry, business groups and government representatives) in Cairns, Mourilyan, Brisbane, Melbourne and throughout the north Queensland region.

As part of the next stage (ie. Options Analysis), engagement initiatives will include further direct consultation with customers, the community and key stakeholders.



Key Project Focus Areas

As indicated at our project launch, the master planning project is a two-port strategy covering the ports of Cairns and Mourilyan - and that the key issues being covered in the project include:

- Demand / Market Drivers
- Infrastructure Capabilities & Capacity Assessment
- Operational Issues
- 'Network thinking'
- 'Beyond Port' Supply Chain Corridors
- Environmental & Heritage Value Consideration & Assessment
- Community Values
- Principles of Ecological Sustainable Development – ensuring 'integrated thinking' and project values

In latter stages of the project, we will also be undertaking testing and assessment of a number of development scenarios / opportunities.

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Who is managing the project?

Ports North has engaged leading Australian consultants, Sprott Planning and Environment, to assist with overall project management and guidance and GHD Advisory as the Lead Technical Consultants to undertake detailed technical assessment work (engineering, productivity, demand analysis, environmental, social, economic etc) throughout the project.

Contact Us

A reminder that we have a project email available for anyone to send comments / thoughts and suggestions.

If you would like to send us some comments, please email: portmasterplanning@portsnorth.com.au

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the stakeholders who have actively participated in the project to date and look forward to your continued participation throughout the project.