The Bulk Export Hub

The port of Mourilyan is situated at the mouth of the Moresby River and is approximately 100 kilometres south of Cairns and 20 kilometres to the south of the city of Innisfail. The port is a natural deep water port and was established primarily for the export of raw sugar and molasses from the surrounding sugar mills.

The commercial facilities in the port consist of a bulk sugar and molasses terminal, a live cattle export facility and an adjacent 2ha open bulk storage stock pad. The sugar terminal has an enclosed conveyor to a shiploader and single loading berth. There are also onshore sugar and molasses handling and storage facilities and the storage shed has a capacity to store 186,000 tonnes of unrefined sugar.

The port has developed into a multi-use bulk export port with timber products and livestock exported through the port. Ports North has recently developed a bulk commodity storage facility to accommodate exports including magnetite, silica sand and bauxite. Ports North is also working with United Petroleum to develop a fuel import facility at Mourilyan which would deliver fuel to the North Queensland region.

The Port of Mourilyan is situated in close proximity to a large number of mineral deposits west of Innisfail. The development of this minerals province will provide the stimulus for further bulk exports through the port.
Facilities

The main wharf at the Port of Mourilyan was constructed around 1960. The total length of the wharf is 193m with a width of 13.7m. The access bridges and wharf have been designed to accommodate a Vehicle Load T44 Semi-Trailer; (AUSTROADS 1992) or Standard B-Double.

There is one berth which is a bulk cargo loading facility which is serviced by conveyor and shiploader; this berth currently handles exports of sugar, molasses, magnetite and live cattle. The berth length is 193m and the depth (LAT) at the berth is 10.1m. The berth pocket is 223m x 35m which enables vessels up to a maximum of 195 m LOA and 32.2m beam to use the port.