

PORTS NORTH



- Ports North has a proud history of more than 100 years.
- Ports North is responsible for the development and management of nine different ports in Far North Queensland.
- The Ports are vital to the economic development of the regional communities.
- Port industries include sugar, agriculture, mining, livestock, timber product, fuel, fishing, tourism (reef vessels, superyachts, cruise ships), marine support and general cargo.
- Ports North manages over 1,000 hectares of Strategic Port Land across its ports.



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SUPPORT JOBS



Our ports support almost 13,000 people in employment in Cairns and Far North Queensland.

As a regional employer, Ports North provides a safe, supportive work environment for employees based in Cairns, Mourilyan, Karumba and Thursday Island.

With our industry partners, we are always looking at ways to sustain and generate regional jobs through increased port efficiencies and infrastructure upgrades in the Far North Queensland marine industries.

The Cairns Shipping Development Project is a significant project to deliver sustainable community and economic benefits for Cairns and the region.



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SUPPORT TRADE

SUPPORT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- Ports North's ports are critical to the regional economy, representing \$1.8 billion gross value added and 17% of the gross regional product.
- Ports North works closely with business and regional development organisations to grow trade and increase exports and imports from the region.
- Our customers include those in the tourism sector, agriculture, mining, coastal trade, marine industry support, navy and fishing.

The Port of Cairns is a multi-purpose port that caters for bulk and general cargo, fishing and tourism operations such as reef vessel operations, cruise shipping, superyachts and cruising vessels.



The Port of Cape Flattery exports silica sand from Cape Flattery Silica Mines, one of the world's largest producers and exporters of silica sand.



The Port of Karumba exports zinc from the Century Mine as well as general cargo and live cattle.



The Port of Mourilyan is a bulk cargo port that exports raw sugar and molasses from the region's sugar growing districts as well as live cattle, woodchip and log exports with opportunities for mineral exports.



The Port of Thursday Island is a community port servicing the needs of both Horn and Thursday Islands as well as the outer islands.

Improving port efficiencies, such as through the Cairns Shipping Development Project, contributes to the potential growth of the Port for trade.



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SUPPORT TOURISM



Ports North is a key partner in, and supporter of, the Far North Queensland tourism industry.

- The **Cityport** development demonstrates our expertise in master planning, activating the waterfront through world-class marine and tourism infrastructure.
- Our award winning **Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal** reflects the importance we place on supporting the Cairns and regional tourism industries while protecting our heritage.
- Australia's premier marina, **Cairns Marlin Marina** provides first-class facilities and customer service for a diverse fleet including some of the world's most advanced super yachts.
- The stunning **Reef Fleet Terminal** provides a gateway to the Great Barrier Reef for more than 750,000 passengers each year.

Terminal Facts

- Originally built in 1914 and transformed in 2010, it has welcomed around 175,000 cruise ship passengers and crew.
- Awarded 10 architectural and engineering awards including the first National Architectural Award won by a Cairns building.



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SUPPORT THE REEF

SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT



Ports North has always taken very seriously the World Heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef and the responsibility we all have to assist in its protection for future generations.

Major parts of our business are directly linked to the tourism industry with more than 750,000 reef and tourism passengers using our facilities to visit the reef each year.

- Environmental management is critical to Ports North.
- Ports North has been sponsoring important environmental initiatives for more than 10 years including -
 - > Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) removal program
 - > Secondary schools environmental awards program
 - > Barron River Rejuvenation Project
 - > Turtle Rehabilitation Centre
- Ports North was a major stakeholder in the establishment of the Trinity Inlet Management Program in 1999 and the joint 5 year James Cook University Study “Environmental Sedimentology of Trinity Bay” undertaken between 1997-2002.
- Ports North has been undertaking seagrass monitoring since 2001.
- Ports North has been a long term active participant in the Local Marine Advisory Group and facilitates a Technical Advisory Consultative Committee to monitor annual maintenance dredging activities.
- Our focus on good environmental practice is reflected in Ports North being the first Port Corporation in Australia to be granted a 10 year Sea Disposal Permit by the Commonwealth Government and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for maintenance dredging activities.



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