



# Townsville Port Expansion Project

## A message from the CEO

Dear Community Member

The Port of Townsville's outlook for the future is strong, with trade volume anticipated to treble in the next 20 years if appropriate strategic planning and investment is undertaken.

Port of Townsville Limited proposes an expansion of the Port of Townsville to accommodate this growth over a planning horizon to 2040.

In the coming months, Port of Townsville Limited looks forward to engaging with the local community, as well as other stakeholders, to discuss the Townsville Port Expansion Project and its potential benefits to the region.

This fact sheet provides information on the Port Expansion Project, the environmental impact assessment process and the studies being conducted to inform this process, along with details of upcoming consultation activities.

This fact sheet is the first step in our ongoing consultation process and we look forward to your involvement. We hope to see you at the Community Information Sessions and that you take the opportunity to meet with the project team to further discuss the Port Expansion Project.

Barry Holden  
CEO  
Port of Townsville Limited



## Port of Townsville Limited proposes an expansion of the port to address current capacity constraints and accommodate forecast growth in trade over a planning horizon to 2040.

A number of additional berths (six) and land reclamation (approximately 100ha) will be required to accommodate this forecast trade increase through the construction of a new outer harbour. Deepening and other minor modifications to the approach channels (the Platypus and Sea Channels) will also be required to improve accessibility for vessels and allow for increased shipping movements.

The proposed Port Expansion will allow Port of Townsville Limited to:

- satisfy its responsibility under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*, including establishment, management and effective and efficient operation of port facilities;
- respond to forecast trade growth and provide essential trade pathways for current and future trades;
- provide competitive market conditions for import and export of bulk materials and general cargo through the Port of Townsville;
- establish and maintain strong links between the local, regional, state and global economies;
- accommodate future trends in global shipping practices; and
- facilitate rationalisation and expansion of the port.

Further detailed information on the Townsville Port Expansion Project can be found at:  
<http://www.dlqp.qld.gov.au/projects/transport/harbours-and-ports/townsville-port-expansion-project.html>

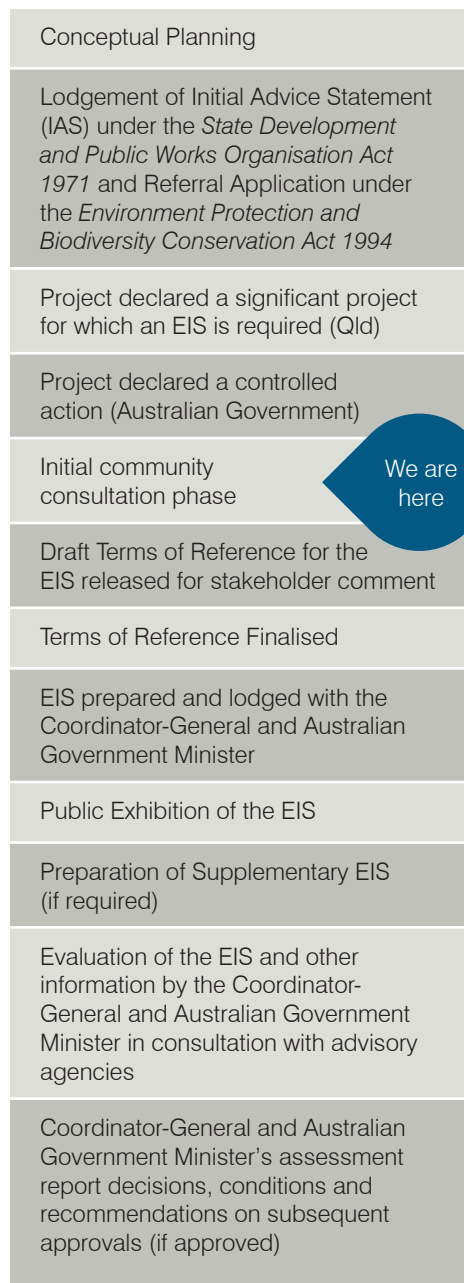
## Project Studies

The Townsville Port Expansion Project team is currently undertaking a range of studies to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The studies are being undertaken to assist Port of Townsville Limited identify and assess the social, economic and environmental impacts and benefits on a local, regional and state level. This information will input into the EIS, which will then recommend measures to avoid or manage potential impacts.

## EIS Process

The following diagram shows the stages of the EIS process and the progress of the Townsville Port Expansion Project.



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## Declaration of Significant Project

The Townsville Port Expansion Project has been declared by the Queensland Coordinator-General to be a significant project for which an EIS is required. This means the approvals process is coordinated on behalf of the Coordinator-General through the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

The Department also provides assistance during the approvals process by facilitating interactions with Government agencies on project-related issues.

## Declaration of Controlled Action under National Environmental Law

On 26 May 2011, Port of Townsville Limited referred the project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1994* (EPBC Reference Number: 2011/5979) to the Australian Government Environment Minister as a 'controlled action' for which an EIS will be prepared.

The project has since been declared a controlled action requiring assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1994* before it can proceed. The relevant controlling provisions include:

- World Heritage properties (sections 12 & 15A)
- National Heritage Places (sections 15B & 15C)
- Wetlands of international importance (sections 16 & 17B)
- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
- Commonwealth marine areas (sections 23 & 24A)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (sections 24B & 24C)

## Community Consultation

Port of Townsville Limited has engaged consultants, AECOM, to prepare the EIS. AECOM will also assist with the community consultation and social impact assessment process. As the Port Expansion Project is proposed in your community, the project team believes your input is of great value and is seeking your feedback. Your input enables informed decisions to be made by the project team.

There will be a number of stages throughout the EIS process where you will have the opportunity to comment and provide feedback on the Port Expansion Project. In addition to this initial community consultation phase, comments and feedback will also be sought from the community through release of the Draft Terms of Reference and the EIS.

It is anticipated that the EIS process will continue through 2011, with the release of the EIS expected later in the year or early next year. All consultation phases of the EIS process will be advertised so you can have your say. You can register your name with the project team to make certain you receive project updates and remain aware of other future opportunities for involvement.

## Project Studies

A range of studies are undertaken on an ongoing basis at the port as part of Port of Townsville Limited's commitment to environmental management. Marine and terrestrial ecology, cultural heritage, visual amenity, air quality, noise, transport and a suite of other detailed project specific studies are underway to inform the EIS for the Port Expansion Project. These studies will assist in identifying and assessing the social, economic and environmental impacts of the project.

The findings and recommendations will input into the EIS process and will be made publicly available when the EIS is released for comment.

## Contact the Project Team

For more information on the project, you can:

**Phone:** 1800 012 284 (free call, higher rates from mobile phones apply)

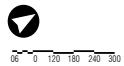
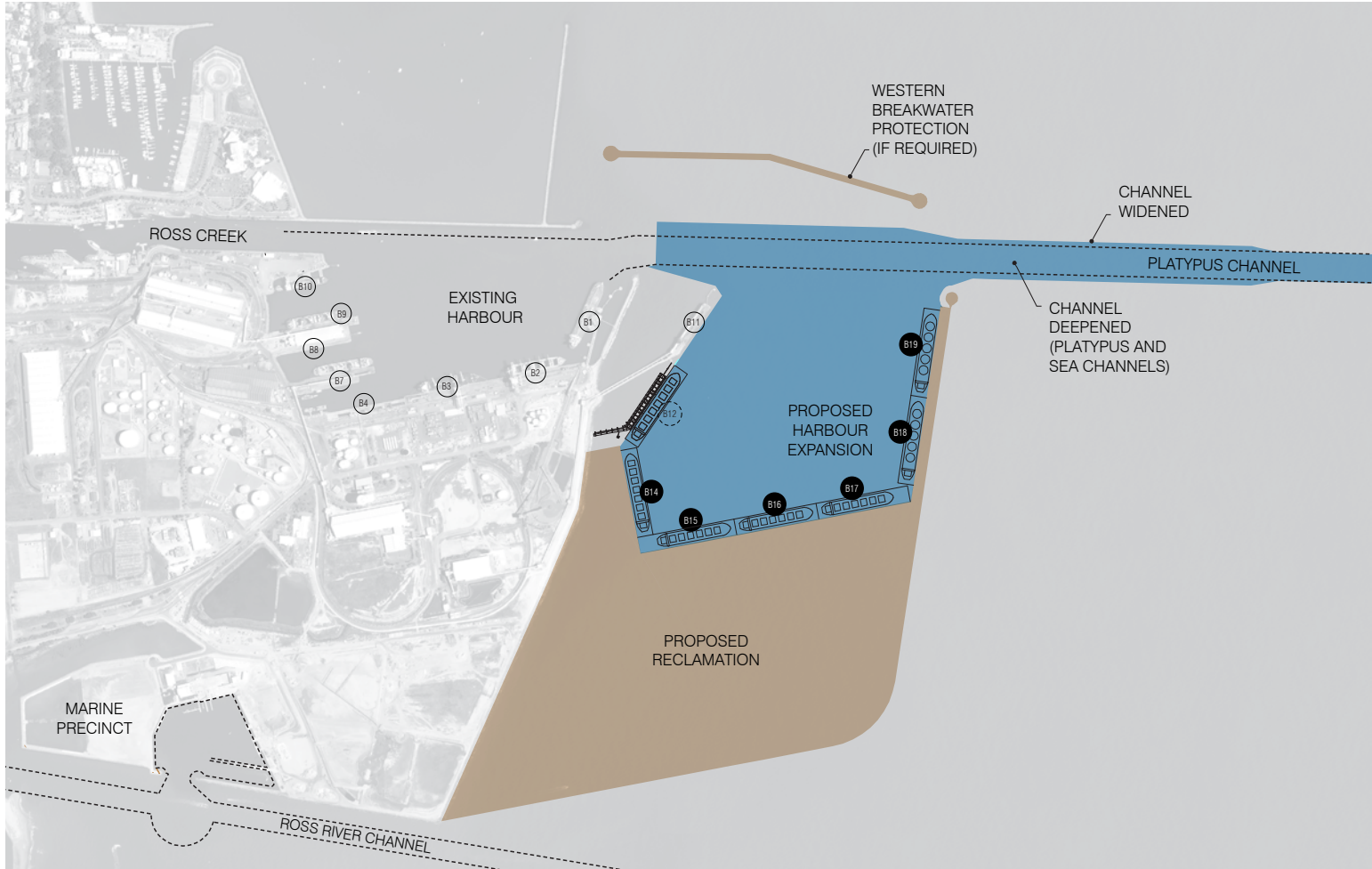
**Email:** pep@aecom.com

**Write to us:** Townsville Port Expansion Project, Reply Paid 5423, Townsville QLD 4810

**Visit the website:** www.townsville-port.com.au/PEP



### Project Layout



Port Expansion Project Works

Existing Channel

Port Expansion Project Deepening

Port Expansion Project Berth (14-19)



### Port of Townsville Limited's Community Partnerships Forums

To provide you with an opportunity to be informed about the Townsville Port Expansion Project and other port projects, Port of Townsville Limited and AECOM will hold a range of activities in the Townsville region.

In addition to EIS-related consultation activities, Port of Townsville Limited holds regular Community Partnerships Forums.

These regular information evenings provide the community with updates on port projects, including the Townsville Port Expansion Project.

Port of Townsville Limited encourages local members of the community to attend these Community Partnerships Forums.

Details of upcoming meetings will be advertised in local media and on the web at: [www.townsville-port.com.au/PEP](http://www.townsville-port.com.au/PEP).

### Townsville Port Expansion Project Community Information Sessions

Port of Townsville Limited is holding information sessions in July 2011.

We encourage you to attend and contribute to these discussions.

The Community Information Sessions will provide further information on the project including timeframes, the technical studies being undertaken, the EIS process and future opportunities to be involved and engaged.

The project team is also seeking information from participants ranging from initial feedback on the project, the engagement process, community values and the potential impacts and benefits of the Townsville Port Expansion Project.

### Community Feedback Form

The Townsville Port Expansion Project team is interested in finding out about the local community and their thoughts and ideas on the proposed expansion.

A community feedback form should accompany this fact sheet. If you haven't received one please contact the project team on the details below.

While we encourage you to complete the feedback form, we also encourage you to attend one of the Community Information Sessions to meet with the project team to discuss your views.

Port of Townsville Limited respects your privacy. The information collected will only be used by the project team and will remain confidential.

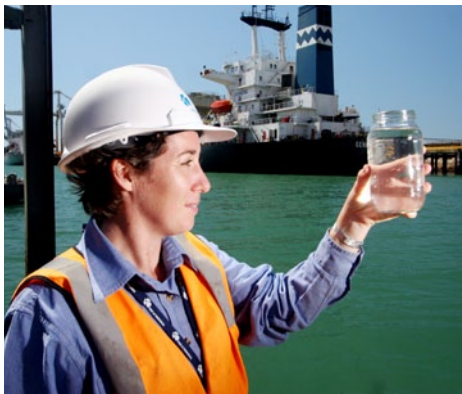
Please send your completed feedback form to:

**Email:**  
[pep@aecom.com](mailto:pep@aecom.com)

**Free post:**  
Townsville Port Expansion Project,  
Reply Paid 5423,  
Townsville QLD 4810

Or you can submit your form at any of the Community Information Sessions.

For further information on returning the feedback forms, please call the project team on **1800 012 284**.



**Community information sessions will be held from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.**

**Wednesday 20 July 2011  
Magnetic Island  
Magnetic Island RSL  
31 Hayles Ave, Arcadia**

**Thursday 21 July 2011  
Townsville  
Townsville Yacht Club  
1 Plume St, Townsville**