

Draft port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville is now open for public consultation

The Queensland Government has prepared and released the *Draft port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville* for public consultation.

Master planning for the designated priority ports of Townsville, Gladstone, Hay Point/Mackay, and Abbot Point is a requirement of the *Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015* (Ports Act) and the *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan*.

Under the Ports Act, master plans and port overlays guide sustainable development of the port, balancing long-term economic growth, job creation, environmental values, and community interests, while providing protection for the Great Barrier Reef.

The *Master plan for the priority Port of Townsville* was released on 4 November 2019.

About the draft port overlay

The Ports Act provides for the master plan to be implemented by a port overlay, which operates alongside existing planning instruments to guide future development to achieve the long-term vision of the master plan.

The port overlay will only regulate development in the master planned area if additional requirements are necessary to implement the master plan.

The draft port overlay has been prepared in consultation with stakeholders including Port of Townsville Limited, Townsville

City Council, and state and Commonwealth government agencies.

How the draft port overlay will work

The draft port overlay applies to plan-making and development assessment within the master planned area.

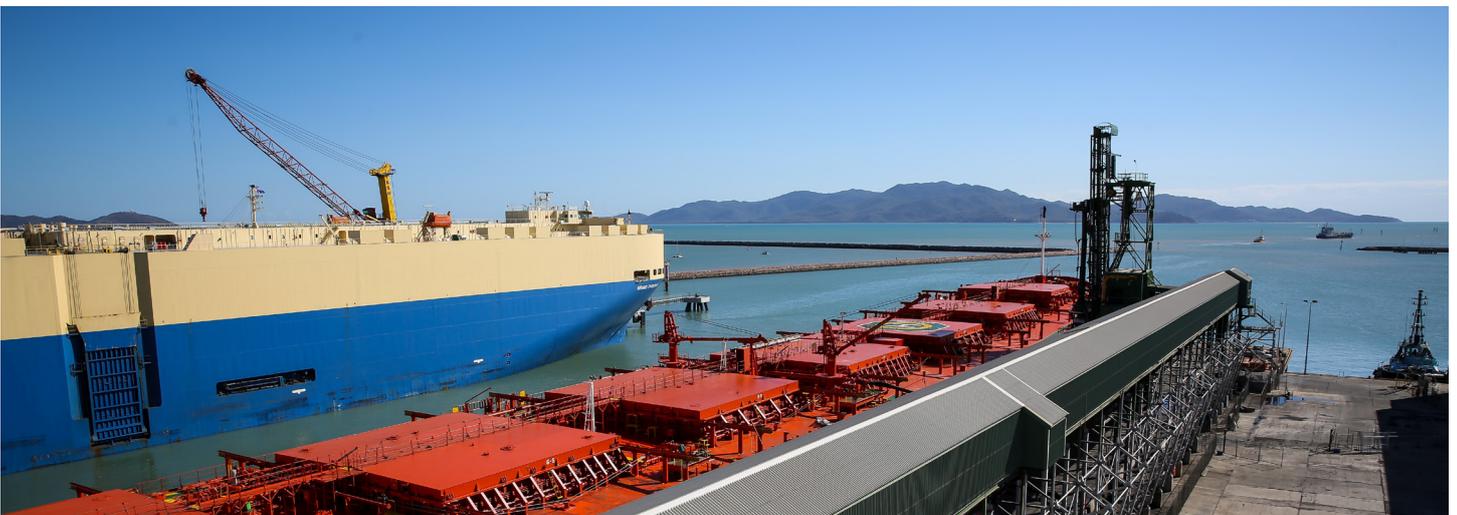
For **plan-making**, the draft port overlay prescribes matters that must be considered in either making or amending a planning instrument within the master planned area.

It is relevant to the:

- Townsville City Plan
- Port of Townsville Land Use Plan
- Townsville City Waterfront Priority Development Area Development Scheme
- Townsville State Development Area Development Scheme.

For **development assessment**, the draft port overlay provides categories for assessment and assessment benchmarks for development within the master planned area.

The requirements of the draft port overlay for both plan-making and development assessment will apply in addition to all existing requirements when finalised.



For further information and to access the draft port overlay, please visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Townsville or request a copy via email: TownsvillePortMasterPlan@tmr.qld.gov.au



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Have your say on the draft port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville

Draft port overlay now open for comment

The release of the *Draft port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville* for public consultation provides the opportunity for the community to provide feedback to the Queensland Government on the draft port overlay.

View the draft port overlay

The draft port overlay and final master plan are available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Townsville

Display copies of the draft port overlay can also be viewed at:

- Townsville City Council Library, 280 Flinders Street, Townsville
- Brisbane Square Library, 266 George Street, Brisbane
- Department of Transport and Main Roads, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane (by appointment via email)
- Department of Transport and Main Roads, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville (by appointment via email).

Information sessions

Public information sessions will be held to provide the community with the opportunity to talk to the project team about the draft port overlay. Details of these information sessions are available online at

www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Townsville

What happens next?

When the public consultation concludes on 16 December 2019, all submissions will be considered during the preparation of a final port overlay. The final port overlay will be made available on the TMR website with a summary of submissions, once approved by the Queensland Government.



Have your say on the draft port overlay



The *Draft port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville* is now open for public consultation and you are encouraged to have your say on shaping the final port overlay.

Making a submission

Submissions on the draft port overlay must:



be made in writing



be made to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads



be received by 5pm on 16 December 2019



state the name and contact details (email and/or postal address) of the person/entity making the submission



be sent via email to TownsvillePortMasterPlan@tmr.qld.gov.au

or posted to:

Sustainable Ports Planning
Transport Strategy and Planning
Department of Transport and Main Roads
GPO Box 1549
Brisbane QLD 4001

