

## The Future of our Port

The Port of Townsville is central to the region's economy and prosperity. Master Planning has identified the potential for trade through the Port to treble over the next 23 years. In order to facilitate this growth, staged improvements and expansions have been planned.

Planned upgrades include improvements to containerised cargo berths, increased bulk storage facilities and improvements to transport connectivity.

Under the Master Plan the Port will continue as an integrated element of Townsville's CBD and a critical component to the development of the Townsville State Development Area. The current port area will be extended seaward and new wharves, cargo handling and transport facilities developed.

Linking the Port to the State Development Area and region, the Townsville Port Eastern Access Corridor will divert heavy vehicles from the suburbs, improving Port access and efficiency and the amenity and safety of residents.

At the mouth of Ross River is the proposed Marine Industries Precinct, complete with boat building, maintenance and service facilities, chandlery, marine engineering services, commercial fishing fleet facilities and improved ramp access for recreational boating.

On the western breakwater a dedicated cruise and military ship terminal is planned, which will attract thousands of additional visitors to our city each year. A new bascule bridge will link the Strand to Palmer Street and facilitate the future relocation of the Ferry Terminal to a major new public transport terminal to accommodate bus, ferry and barge services.

Since the first wharf was constructed in 1863, the Port of Townsville has been central to the economic development of North Queensland. With a focus clearly on the future, the Port will continue to meet the demands of industry and further its strong economic and social ties with the city to ensure the growth of the region.



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