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MEGA PORT is a MEGA PORKY

says CPDI Chairman Ron Crew

Chairman of Cairns Port Development Inc. RON CREW says he is suspicious of claims by activists opposed to Cairns port modernisation that a "Mega Port" is planned.

"Nothing could be further from the truth", says Mr. Crew, "the 'mega port' claim implies a major industrial port on the scale of Gladstone - the people objecting to sensible port development for Cairns are shamelessly misrepresenting the facts".

"CPDI have never advocated a port of the size and scale that our opponents are falsely claiming - our state's few large ports that handle coal and mineral exports might be described as 'mega' - FNQ residents can be absolutely assured that our organization proposes nothing like these industrial ports, besides the Port of Cairns does not export coal, never has, never will".

"Compared to the coal and mineral export ports, our proposal for Cairns seeks essential deepening and widening to allow berthing by larger cruise liners, fuel and freight vessels, and the bigger ships of the Royal Australian Navy and our allies." "Unfortunately the legislation before the Queensland Parliament on the issue, has crippled the future of even small and moderate work for the Cairns' Port and we have to address that now."

"People opposed to the preservation of Cairns Port's existing status are deliberately misleading the community - it has to be emphasized: CPDI does NOT WANT a 'Mega Port', we have never advocated a 'Mega Port', and it's deeply disturbing that our opponents have resorted to such a blatant scare tactic. 'Mega Port' is a mega porky and I urge the Cairns community to regard this demonstrably false claim with the contempt it deserves".

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