

Department of State Development

Cairns Shipping Development Project

Project overview*

EIS status	EIS active
Description	Upgrades at the Port of Cairns to improve access for larger shipping, including cruise ships
Proponent	Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Ltd (trading as Ports North)
Location/s	Port of Cairns. Map
Local government/s	Cairns Regional Council
Investment	Not available
Key features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dredging to widen, deepen and lengthen the existing outer shipping channel (Trinity Inlet) widening and deepening of the existing inner harbour channel and Crystal Swing Basin establishment of a new shipping swing basin (Smith's Creek Swing Basin) to enable future expansion of the HMAS Cairns Navy base placement of material from capital dredging and future channel maintenance dredging at a new placement site upgrade of the existing cruise shipping wharves (Trinity wharves 1 to 5) relocation and installation of new navigational aids.
Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 (construction)

* Project information supplied by proponent and subject to change.

Environmental impact statement (EIS) process

Date	Activity
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Currently	Revised draft EIS being prepared by proponent.
20 December 2016	Coordinator-General extended the project declaration lapse date from 30 June 2017 to 31 December 2017.
18 December 2015	Coordinator-General extended the project declaration lapse date from 31 March 2016 to 30 June 2017.
28 July 2015	Revised draft EIS requested by Coordinator-General.
29 June 2015	Coordinator-General extended the coordinated project declaration lapse date to 31 March 2016.
18 April 2015 to 1 June 2015	Draft EIS public consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft EIS – Executive Summary (📄 800 KB) • Draft EIS – Project Technical Chapters Synopsis (📄 826 KB) • Complete draft EIS
10 September 2014	Coordinator-General extended the coordinated project declaration lapse date to 30 June 2015.
30 November 2012	Final terms of reference for EIS (📄 495 KB) issued.
4 October 2012	Commonwealth Minister for the Environment decided the project is a 'controlled action' . ⓘ
29 September 2012 to 29 October 2012	Draft terms of reference for EIS public consultation.
24 September 2012	Gazettal of 'coordinated project' declaration (📄 117 KB)
6 September 2012	Project referred to Commonwealth Minister for the Environment.
3 September 2012	Application, including initial advice statement (📄 2.5 MB), submitted.

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Further information

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