

# Cairns Shipping Development Project Update

April 2019



For more than a decade the cruise shipping industry has enjoyed a huge growth in popularity around the world, and in response, companies are building larger ships to cater for this boom. In Cairns we have also benefitted with the port now in the top four cruise ship destinations in the country.

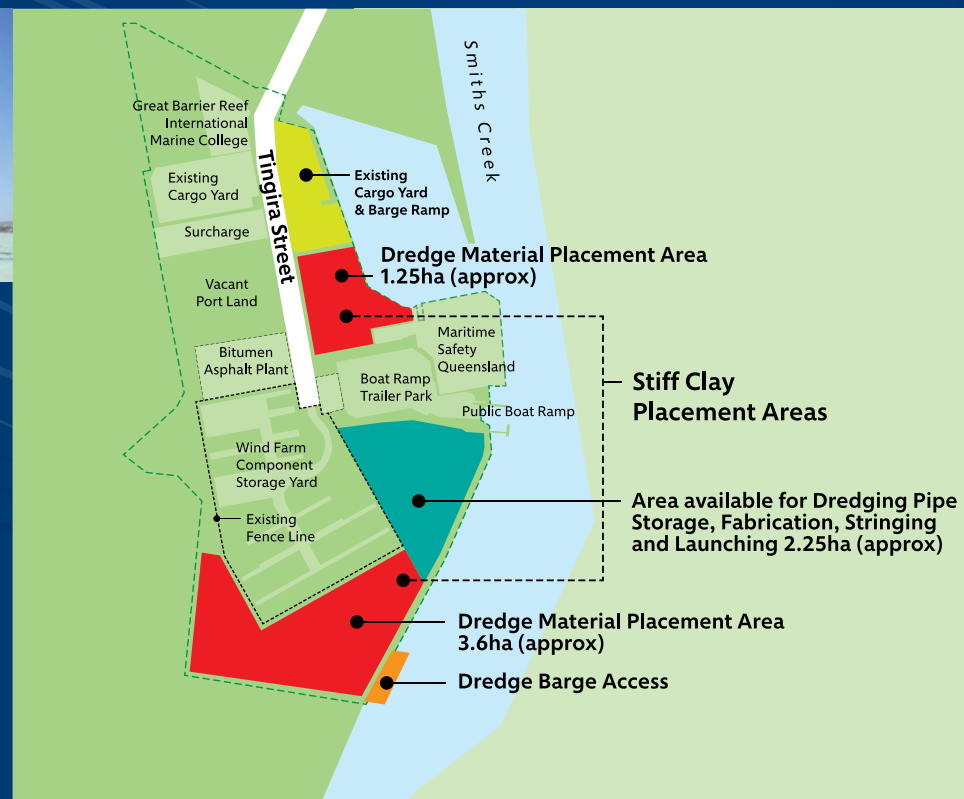
Which is why Ports North, in consultation with tourism operators and other stakeholders, developed the Cairns Shipping Development Project.

Now in its construction stage, the Project will widen and deepen the Port of Cairns' navigation channel to allow cruise ships up to 300 metres in length to berth at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal. An additional benefit will be the improved access and efficiency for bulk cargo ships and larger visiting Navy vessels as well as providing increased resilience for the Port of Cairns against extreme weather events.

# Latest Developments

- The tender for the dredging phase was approved, with international company Rohde Neilsen Dredging Pty Ltd (RN) awarded the dredging construction contract for the crucial next step in the channel upgrade.
- Australian-owned Hall Contracting (HC), the largest Queensland-based dredging company, will team up with RN to undertake all civil, earthworks and pipeline construction and operation of the two land-based dredge placement sites. It is expected the earthworks and pipeline construction will commence in mid-April 2019.
- Channel dredging works are expected to commence in early July with completion around mid-September 2019.
- Consultants BMT have been engaged to undertake Contract Administration and Supervision as well as Environmental Monitoring and Contractor Compliance for the project.
- Technical Advisory Group has been established to review environmental management plans and ensure compliance with the project approval conditions.
- Wharf design process is nearing completion and an Expression of Interest for the wharf construction contract has been undertaken.
- Ports North is attending Seatrade Cruise Global in April 2019 as part of the Australian Cruise Association and Tourism Events Queensland team to promote Australia and Queensland's cruise products and services. This provides an opportunity to meet with senior global cruise industry representatives to further promote the region's cruise capabilities and identify opportunities for Cairns.

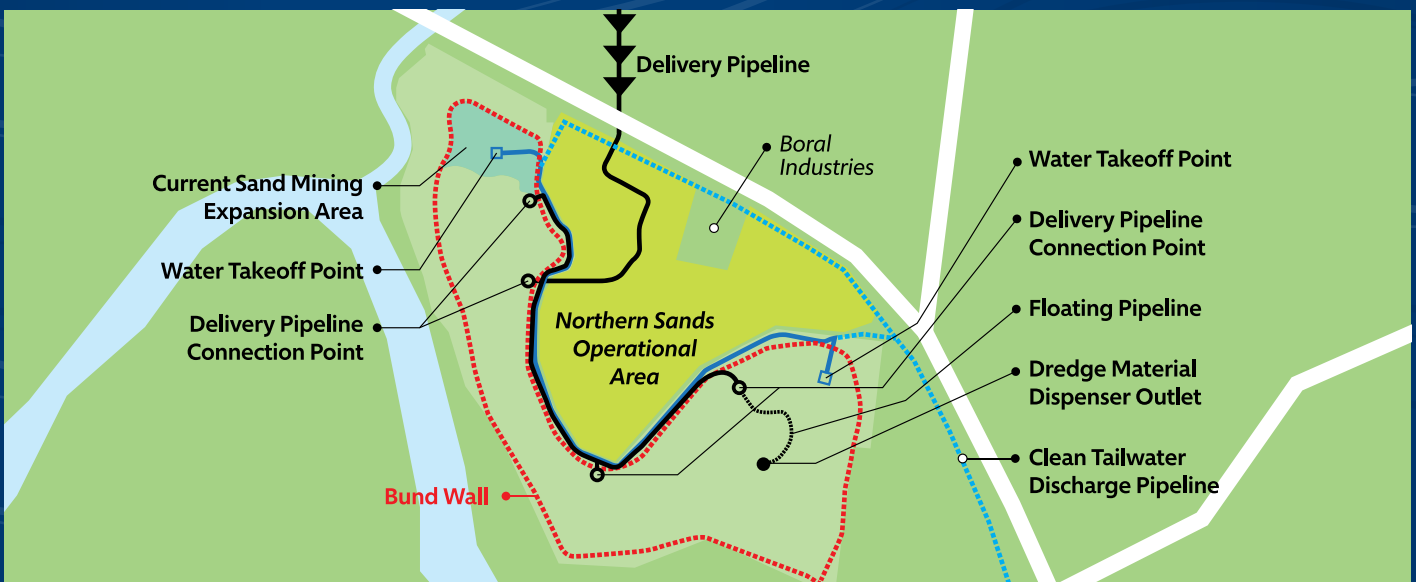
## Tingira Street, Portsmith, Site Works



## Temporary Dredge Mooring, Delivery and Discharge Pipeline Routes



## Northern Sands, Barron Delta, Site Works







## Consultation

Ports North recognises the importance of the port communities in which it operates and is committed to engaging and updating stakeholders through the construction stage to Project completion.

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