

*Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015*

# Review of inner harbour capital dredging for the Port of Cairns

The *Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015* (Ports Act) provides a legislative framework for sustainable port development in Queensland and implementing the governments key port-related commitments under the *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan* (Reef 2050 Plan). Restrictions on capital dredging form part of these requirements and commitments.

## About the review

For the Port of Cairns, the Ports Act includes specific provisions (section 35(2)(b) and (3)) that allow the carrying out of limited capital dredging for a port facility within the inner harbour of the Port of Cairns. Up to 50,000 cubic metres of material can be approved to a limit of no more than 150,000 cubic metres of material in a four-year period.

Section 38 of the Ports Act includes a requirement to review whether the capital dredging provisions for the inner harbour at the Port of Cairns are effectively achieving a balance between economic development and the protection of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

A map of the inner harbour at the Port of Cairns can be found overleaf.

Further information and a fact sheet about the review is available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) website at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Cairns](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Cairns)

## Review now open

Public consultation is being undertaken on the review from 3 December 2019 until 7 February 2020.

Public consultation provides the community with the opportunity to give feedback to the Queensland Government about the review.

Information about how to make a submission is available online at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Cairns](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Cairns)

## Information sessions

Public information sessions will be held to provide the community with the opportunity to talk to the project team about the review.

### Tuesday, 10 December, 2019

**Venue:** Marina Room, Shangri-La Hotel, 1 Pier Point Road, Cairns  
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00pm

### Tuesday, 21 January 2020

**Venue:** Marina Room, Shangri-La Hotel, 1 Pier Point Road, Cairns  
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00pm

Details of these information sessions are also available online at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Cairns](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Cairns) and advertised in local newspapers.

## What happens next?

When the public consultation concludes on 7 February 2020, all submissions will be considered during preparation of a report about the review.

The outcome of the review will be published on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website and tabled in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.



Have your say on the review of the inner harbour capital dredging provisions for the Port of Cairns — now open for public consultation.

## Making a submission

### Submissions on the review must:



be made in writing



be made to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads



be received by 5pm on 7 February 2020



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



be sent via email to [SustainablePorts@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:SustainablePorts@tmr.qld.gov.au)

or posted to:

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