

Townsville Port Expansion Project

How to have your say on the environmental impact statement

The project

The Coordinator-General invites you to have your say on the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Townsville Port Expansion Project.

Port of Townsville Limited proposes a \$1.5 billion expansion of the Port of Townsville to accommodate forecast growth in trade at the port and address current capacity constraints.

The project would generate a total of 274 construction and operational jobs.

The project's key features are:

- new deep water outer harbour
- possible new western breakwater to protect the outer harbour
- up to six additional vessel berths in the new outer harbour
- deepening of the existing approach channels (the Sea and Platypus channels) (approximately 10 million cubic metres (Mm³))
- widening of the approach channel near the outer harbour entrance (and lengthening of the Sea channel seaward by approximately two kilometres)
- approximately 100 ha of reclaimed land backing the new berths to provide for bulk cargo storage and a rail loop, formed from material (approximately 4.3 Mm³) reclaimed from the harbour deepening and from mainland sources

- placement of unsuitable and excess dredged material (approximately 5.6 Mm³) at sea—in the approved dredge material placement area in Cleveland Bay.

EIS process

The EIS process aims to ensure that the project's potential environmental, social and economic impacts, both direct and indirect, are examined and addressed.

On 23 May 2011 the Coordinator-General declared the project to be a 'coordinated project for which an EIS is required' under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (Qld) (SDPWO Act).

The Commonwealth Environment Minister has determined that the project may have a significant impact upon matters of national environmental significance, and is conducting a separate assessment process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth).

The EIS must address all State and Commonwealth requirements.

Have your say

Port of Townsville Limited has prepared the EIS, which has been released by the Coordinator-General for public and state government advisory agency consultation.

You are invited to comment on the EIS, including the project's potential environmental impacts and/or the measures proposed to manage those impacts.

The Coordinator-General will consider your submission as part of his assessment of the project's environmental impacts.

Important note

We will provide a copy of your submission, including your name and address, to the proponent. For more information, refer to 'Privacy' on page 3 of this fact sheet.

To make a submission

1. Read the EIS

- Download the EIS at www.townsville-port.com.au/eis

or

- order a free copy on CD by telephoning 1800 012 284 or emailing EIS@townsville-port.com.au

or

- view a printed copy between 25 March 2013 and 13 May 2013 at:
 - National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Canberra, ACT
 - State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane
 - Townsville City Library, Level 1 Northtown, 280 Flinders Mall, Townsville.

2. Make a submission

Complete the submission form at www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/tpe. You can also photocopy the form at one of the above locations.

If you have special communication needs, telephone the EIS project manager on +61 7 3234 1273 to make alternative submission arrangements.

3. Send your submission

Send your completed and signed submission form to one of the following:

Email: TPE@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

Post: The Coordinator-General
C/- EIS project manager
Townsville Port Expansion Project
Coordinated Project Delivery
Office of the Coordinator-General
PO Box 15517
City East Qld 4002 Australia

Fax: +61 7 3225 8282

Deadline

The deadline for submissions is **5pm on Monday 13 May 2013**.

Checklist

When making a submission:

- clearly state the matter(s) of concern or interest and list points to help with clarity
- reference the relevant section(s) of the EIS
- provide factual information relied upon and its source
- describe the measure you consider would be appropriate to improve the proposal
- provide sketches or diagrams if they assist to clarify your submission
- ensure your comments are legible.

Note: Under section 157O of the SDPWO Act, it is an offence to give the Coordinator-General a document that contains information known to be false or misleading.

For a submission to be 'properly made' under the SDPWO Act, it must:

- be made to the Coordinator-General in writing
- be received on or before the last day of the submission period
- be signed by each person who makes the submission
- state the grounds of the submission and facts and circumstances relied on.

Note: Under the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General may accept a submission that is not a 'properly made' submission. However, to ensure you have appeal rights under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, your submission must be 'properly made'.

Privacy

The Coordinator-General is authorised to collect personal information under sections 24 and 29 of the SDPWO Act.

Your personal information will be collected for the purpose of considering your comments, assessing the EIS, completing the EIS process and the performance of functions under the SDPWO Act and other legislation relevant to the proposed project.

Your personal information may be disclosed to the project proponent or other government agencies that are involved in the proposed project, and is also subject to disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Your personal information will not otherwise be disclosed, unless disclosure is authorised or required by law, or is permitted under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

More information

For more information about the project, contact Port of Townsville Limited on:

web www.townsville-port.com.au/eis

tel 1800 012 284

email EIS@townsville-port.com.au

For more information about this consultation, contact the Office of the Coordinator-General on:

email TPE@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

How to complete the submission form

The Coordinator-General

Submission on the environmental impact statement

Name:	Fred Smith	Email:	fredsmith@email.com.au
Organisation (if applicable):	ABC Enterprises	Telephone:	(07) xxxx xxxx
Address:	123 Smith Street, City State 1234		

Section of EIS	Describe the issue	Suggested solution
e.g. 'Noise and vibration'	The EIS does not address XYZ	The proponent should ...

If there is insufficient space in the table above, please attach additional pages.

Signature: (A submission by more than one person must be signed by *each* submitter.)

Complete, print and sign this form and send it to one of the following:

Email projectxyz@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

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