

Port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville

The Queensland Government has released the port overlay for the priority Port of Townsville.

Master planning for the designated priority ports of Townsville, Gladstone, Hay Point/Mackay, and Abbot Point is a requirement of the *Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015* (Ports Act) and the *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan*.

Under the Ports Act, master plans and port overlays guide sustainable development of the port, balancing long-term economic growth, job creation, environmental values, and community interests, while providing protection for the Great Barrier Reef.

About the port overlay

The Ports Act provides for the master plan to be implemented by a port overlay, which operates alongside existing planning instruments to guide future development and achieve the long-term vision of the master plan.

The port overlay only regulates development in the master planned area if additional requirements are necessary to implement the master plan.

The port overlay was prepared in consultation with stakeholders including Port of Townsville Limited, Townsville City Council, and state and Commonwealth government agencies.

How the port overlay will work

The port overlay applies to plan-making and development assessment within the master planned area.

For **plan-making**, the port overlay prescribes matters that must be considered in either making or amending an instrument within the master planned area.

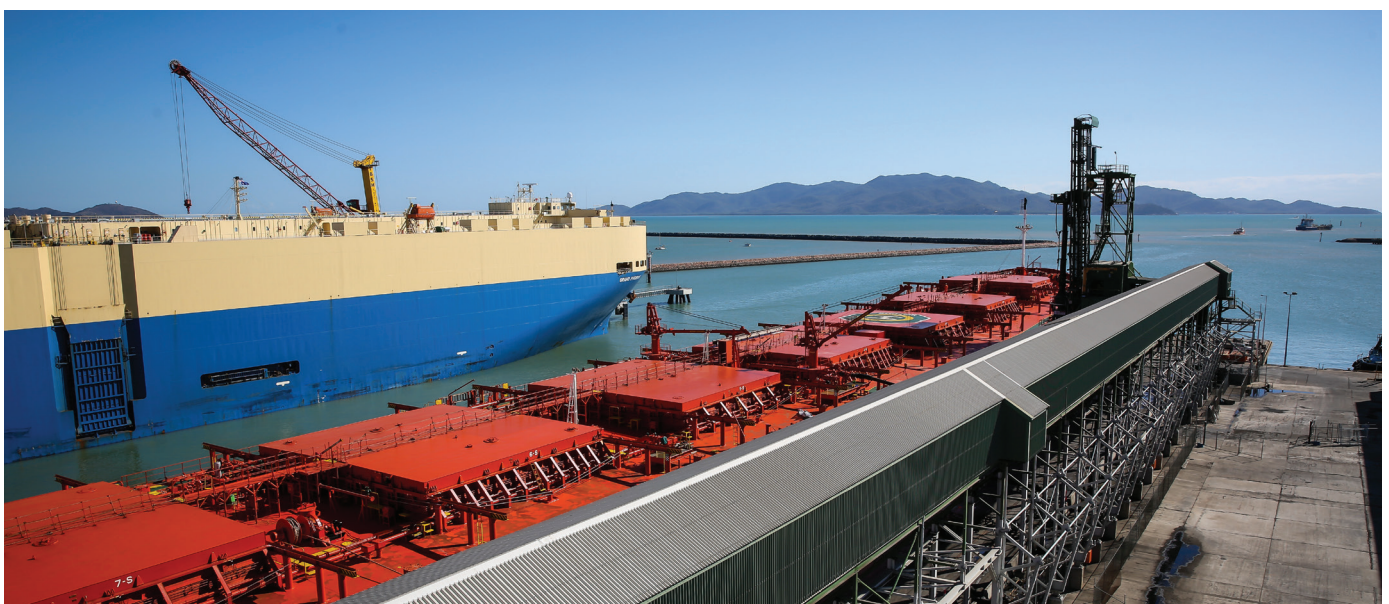
The port overlay is relevant to the:

- Townsville City Plan
- Port of Townsville Land Use Plan
- Townsville City Waterfront Priority Development Area Development Scheme
- Townsville State Development Area Development Scheme.

For **development assessment**, the port overlay provides categories for assessment and assessment benchmarks for development within the master planned area.

When the port will have effect

The requirements of the port overlay will take effect for both plan-making and development assessment from 1 February 2021. The port overlay applies in addition to all existing requirements (refer next page).



For further information and to access the port overlay, please visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Townsville or request a copy via email: TownsvillePortMasterPlan@tmr.qld.gov.au



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Implementing the master plan through the port overlay

Master plan

Master plans are strategic documents that outline the long-term outlook of priority ports

- ▶ state interests
- ▶ strategic vision
- ▶ desired outcomes
- ▶ objectives
- ▶ defined land and marine precincts
- ▶ environmental management framework



Existing regulatory framework

Review existing planning and environmental assessment frameworks to establish whether additional requirements are needed to implement the master plan

- ▶ state and Commonwealth environmental assessment frameworks
- ▶ state and local planning processes
- ▶ operational management requirements



Port overlay

If additional requirements are needed to implement the master plan, the port overlay identifies the provisions which will apply to development

- ▶ environmental management framework
- ▶ priority management measures
- ▶ development assessment
- ▶ plan-making



Implementation

Planning and development assessment processes incorporate the requirements of the port overlay

- ▶ Townsville City Plan
- ▶ Port of Townsville Land Use Plan
- ▶ Townsville City Waterfront Priority Development Area Development Scheme
- ▶ Townsville State Development Area Development Scheme