



**Ports  
Corporation**  
of Queensland

# Land Use Plan Review for Port of Cape Flattery

## ***DRAFT LAND USE PLAN RELEASE***

Ports Corporation of Queensland is currently reviewing the Land Use Plan for the Port of Cape Flattery, and has prepared a draft document which is now available for review.

The draft Land Use Plan's release commences a 40 business day consultation period, ending 30 June 2009, during which the public is invited to provide input into the planning process by means of written submissions.

### **About the Port of Cape Flattery**

The Port of Cape Flattery is a trade port located approximately 200 kilometres north of Cairns, which functions to export silica sand from the adjoining mining operation at Cape Flattery, operated by Cape Flattery Silica Mines Pty Ltd (CFSM).

Infrastructure at the Port consists of onshore silica sand handling facilities in addition to a conveyer which runs along the jetty to the ship loader and shipping berth.

Strategic port land at Cape Flattery includes two (2) freehold lots and one (1) perpetual lease area. The draft Land Use Plan addresses the use and control of development on these three (3) areas.

### **What is a Land Use Plan?**

A Land Use Plan is a legal instrument that sets out provisions for the use and development of land areas under PCQ's control. It is PCQ's aim to ensure that the new Land Use Plan for the Port of Cape Flattery facilitates economic and sustainable use of land, and protects local environmental and cultural values.

All land included in a Port Land Use Plan is referred to as strategic port land. Development on strategic port land is not subject to assessment by Local Government Authorities and therefore the Land Use Plan becomes the principal tool used by PCQ as the port authority to assess development under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

The current Land Use Plan for the Port of Cape Flattery was approved in 1995. This is being reviewed to reflect changing port infrastructure and service needs and to meet PCQ's obligations under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* (TIA) to update port Land Use Plans every eight (8) years.

A Statement of Proposals has been previously prepared and underwent public consultation between 4 August 2008 and 26 September 2008. The Statement of Proposals provided commentary on core matters and key issues relevant to the Port of Cape Flattery that were to be considered in the preparation of the updated Land Use Plan. Having appropriately considered all submissions received during consultation on the Statement of Proposals, the draft Land Use Plan has now been prepared for the Port of Cape Flattery in accordance with requirements of the TIA.

### **How to Make a Submission?**

During the public exhibition period, anybody can make a submission to PCQ about any aspect of the draft Land Use Plan and associated Development Guidelines.

Any submission or comment on the draft Land Use Plan should:

- be in writing and be signed by each person who is making the submission;
- include the full name and address of each person who made the submission;
- clearly outline the concerns, support or comments being made on the draft Land Use Plan; and
- be received by PCQ by no later than 5.00pm on 30 June 2009.

You can send your submission to the attention of PCQ's General Manager Corporate Strategy in any of the following ways:

**1. Mail to:** Ports Corporation of Queensland  
GPO Box 409  
Brisbane QLD 4001

**2. E-mail to:** [sscott@pcq.com.au](mailto:sscott@pcq.com.au)

**3. Fax to:** Ports Corporation of Queensland  
(07) 3224 7234

### **How is Feedback Dealt with?**

The release of the draft Land Use Plan provides the community and stakeholders with a final opportunity to have input prior to consideration of the Land Use Plan for approval by the Minister for Transport. Therefore, any submissions will ultimately assist PCQ in finalising the Land Use Plan for the Port of Cape Flattery. Feedback is central to ensuring that the views of the community and stakeholders are considered in the future planning of the port area.