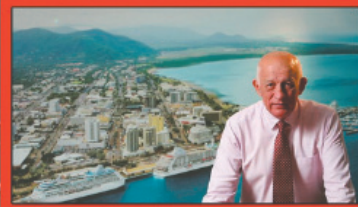


DON'T SINK OUR PORT

Cairns leaders unite to support port development



"This is one of the biggest issues to have confronted the city in my lifetime"

Cairns Mayor Bob Manning



"Are our ports a priority or not a priority for our State?" asks Advance Cairns Chief Executive Mark Matthews. "We need everyone in our region to get behind our call to ensure Cairns and Mourilyan are priority ports."



"We encourage everyone to sign the petition before 11 September and let the Queensland Parliament know that we need this change made to the proposed Bill to protect our region's economic future," said Deb Hancock, CEO Cairns Chamber of Commerce.



Mr Ron Crew, Chairman Cairns Port Development Inc. says, "The support is tremendous and our voice will be heard loud and clear in Brisbane on this matter".

SIGN THE PETITION

TO: The Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

The petition of citizens of Queensland draws to the attention of the House the Sustainable Ports Development Bill 2015 does not include the ports of Cairns and Mourilyan as priority ports. If capital dredging is discontinued, new larger passenger, naval and cargo ships will not be able to enter the ports. The estimated earnings foregone may be more than \$5BN over the next 25 years, compounding the record high youth unemployment rates.

Your petitioners request the House to amend the Sustainable Ports Development Bill 2015 to include the ports of Cairns and Mourilyan as 'priority ports' allowing the ports to carry out vital capital works dredging NOW and always. We also request that an independent project be commissioned to assess and recommend the lowest cost environmentally acceptable dredging solution. Revitalize our economy, restore confidence and save many businesses from the brink of bankruptcy.

We love the reef. There is a way to safe guard it and have a modern Port.

What may happen to Cairns in the future if widening and deepening is banned? Growth in ALL industries will continue to be suffocated.



IMPORTANT FACTS THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW:

- World-leading studies show Cairns and Mourilyan Harbour dredging does NOT harm the Reef.
- Applying best practice science and technology is the best protection for the reef.
- Placing new spoil offshore has been banned, although it can be viably placed safely on land.
- Despite claims by environmentalists, East Trinity was never pristine wetlands.
- Larger cruise, fuel, cargo and navy ships will pump \$5 billion into local business over 25 years.
- Fuel and cargo vessels are currently coming into the port half full increasing costs.
- One third of the fuel coming in is used at our international airport which is growing.
- HMAS Cairns is Australia's third largest Navy Base and the marine industry employs over 4000.

www.cairnsport.org.au/petition

Sign to secure our 'Priority Ports' designation and our Future by 11 September. Want to find out more and get answers to frequently asked questions? Visit us at Cairnsport.org.au

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