

# Priority port master planning process

## Notice of proposal

### Informing intention to prepare or amend a master plan for a priority port

A notice of proposal:

- is issued by the Minister to the port authority and local government at the priority port
- enables each entity to make a submission for consideration in the master planning process
- formally initiates the master planning process under the *Sustainable Ports Development Act 2015* (Ports Act)

## Evidence base

### Preparing the evidence base for master planning

The evidence base:

- provides information, analysis and assessment of the economic, environmental, social and cultural values within and surrounding the master planned area, including the Outstanding Universal Value of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area
- demonstrates where values may be impacted by existing or future port related development
- provides a foundation for setting the strategic vision for the master planned area.

## Master plan

### Master planning

The master plan is a strategic document that:

- states the long-term strategic vision and objectives
- identifies state interests
- presents the environmental management framework to manage potential impacts on environmental values
- establishes land and marine precincts within the master planned area.

## Port overlay

### Implementing the master plan

The port overlay:

- is the regulatory instrument implementing the master plan over the master planned area
- regulates certain development types
- achieves the priority management measures contained in the master plan
- states matters that must be considered in plan making and development assessment.

## Review

### Reviewing the master plan

The review will investigate the master plan and its implementation including:

- the boundaries and precincts of the master planned area
- the effectiveness of any priority management measures
- the environmental management framework.