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## A NOTE ON MARINE INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA (Revised)

The following table gives employment in Marine Industry categories in northern Australia from the 2011 Census.

**Table: Employment in Maritime Industries (by place of usual residence PURPO),  
Regional Areas Northern Australia**

	Northern Territory	Cairns region	Townsville region	Mackay region	Fitzroy region
Fishing	168	234	62	75	75
Water transport	198	215	100	121	88
Ship and boat building & repair	106	342	99	112	71
Water transport support services (incl port and stevedoring)	231	377	306	532	652
<b>Total</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>886</b>

Source: Cummings Economics from ABS census data.

Unfortunately, water transport does not include an element of water transport in the “scenic and sightseeing transport” category. Although this category would have tour coaches and other land tours and some air and possibly rail, there would be a large element of water transport in the Cairns and Whitsunday areas.

The following table illustrates how the Cairns region dominates this category followed by the Mackay region that includes the Whitsundays.

**Table: Employment in Scenic & Sightseeing Transport (by place of usual residence PURP),  
Regional Areas Northern Australia**

	Northern Territory	Cairns region	Townsville region	Mackay region	Fitzroy region
Scenic & sightseeing transport (includes water operations)	170	984	46	266	72

Source: Cummings Economics from ABS census data.

In addition to the above, the Navy Base at Cairns has large employment under the Defence category. This category would also increase the Marine Industries' employment in the Northern Territory.

The indications are that in the marine industry, employment in the Cairns region leads by a substantial margin followed by the Northern Territory, Mackay and Fitzroy regions at a similar level with Townsville substantially smaller.