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NORTHERN AUSTRALIA LOGISTICS HUB - CAIRNS SEAPORT Background – Note 1

LARGEST MARINE INDUSTRIES HUB IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA & REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

Largest Locally Based Fleet

- Australia’s largest tourism fleet 187 passenger vessels registered carrying over one million visitors to the reef each year.
- One of Australia’s largest fishing industry ports with 700 vessels registered.
- The largest fleet of cargo and work vessels home ported in northern Australia.
- Australia’s north-eastern naval base and other government vessels.

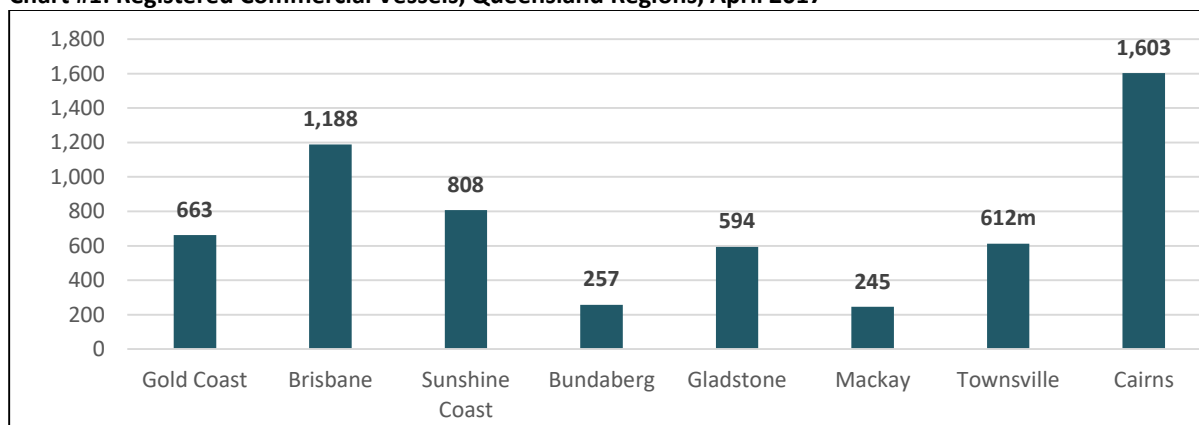
Cairns records the largest number of commercial ships registered in Queensland.

**Table #1: Count of Commercial Ships with National Law Certificate of Operation (CoO)
Queensland Regions, April 2017**

CoO issued at	Class 1 – Passenger	Class 2 – Non-pax	Class 3 – Fishing	Class 4 – Hire & Drive	Total
Airlie Beach	90	196	48	160	494
Brisbane	93	608	453	34	1188
Bundaberg	16	61	171	9	257
Cairns	187	628	700	88	1603
Gladstone	43	263	265	23	594
Gold Coast	56	358	96	153	663
Mackay	5	107	132	1	245
Sunshine Coast	30	255	340	183	808
Townsville	14	292	275	31	612
Urangan	18	130	327	29	504
Total	552	2898	2807	711	6968

Source: MSQ from AMSA Data.

Chart #1: Registered Commercial Vessels, Queensland Regions, April 2017



Source: See Table #1.

Large Numbers of Visiting Vessels

In addition, Cairns Seaport attracts:

- The largest number of cruise ship visits in North Australia.
- The largest number of superyachts and cruising yachts.
- Bulk cargo ships delivering the region's needs for fuel, fertilisers and shipment of sugar from the immediate district.
- Substantial number of visits of naval vessels.

Marine Industries Backup

Backing up the shipping operations are:

- Three shipyards with supporting industrial services.
- Administrative and other professional services.
- The Great Barrier Reef Marine College.

Largest Employment

Cairns Seaport is the largest in the North in terms of maritime employment and activity.

Table #2: Employment in Marine Activities, Northern Australia Regions ⁽¹⁾
(Usual Place of Residence), Census 2016

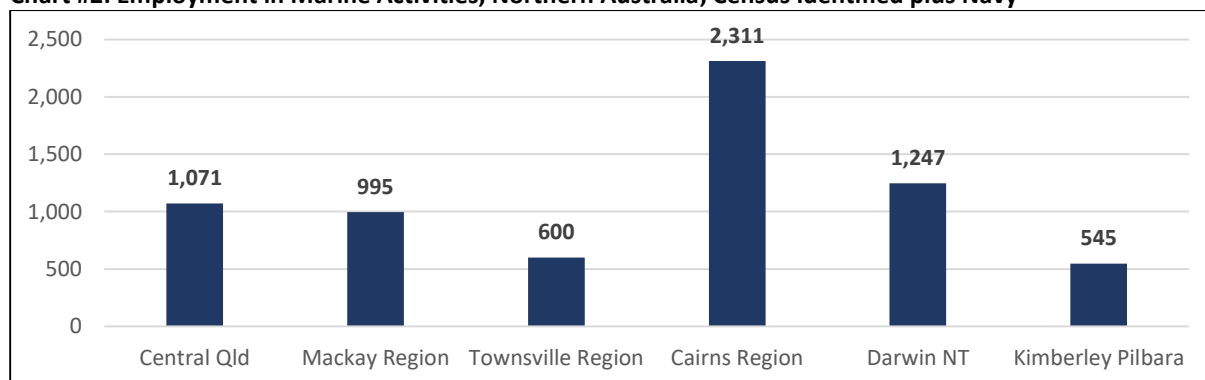
	Cairns Region	Townsville Region	Mackay Region	Central Qld Region	NT	Kimberley /Pilbara
Fishing	276	83	90	80	213	35
Fish & Seafood Wholesaling	122	6	11	10	16	0
Ship Building & Repair	228	8	23	10	37	6
Boat Building & Repair	124	55	73	29	43	20
Marine Equipment Retail	65	43	54	20	43	11
Water Transport nfd	156	40	65	56	47	65
Water Freight Transport	37	14	7	24	45	61
Water Passenger Transport	26	49	135	120	18	4
Water Transport Support Services	9	9	5	7	7	12
Stevedoring Services	7	107	17	82	34	68
Port & Water Transport Terminal Operations	63	142	416	524	74	177
Other Water Transport Services	298	44	99	109	70	86
Total	1411	600	995	1071	647	545

Note⁽¹⁾ SA4 regions, Queensland.

Source: Cummings Economics from ABS Census 2016.

On top of these figures, the Navy employs 900 in Cairns and 600 in Darwin.

Chart #2: Employment in Marine Activities, Northern Australia, Census Identified plus Navy



Source: Cummings Economics from Census Data plus Dept of Defence Navy Employment.