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NORTHERN AUSTRALIA LOGISTICS HUB - CAIRNS SEAPORT Background – Note 2

MARINE SECTOR IS VITAL TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

The marine industries based on Cairns Seaport are estimated to have a turnover of the order of \$1 billion a year, provide direct jobs of the order of 4,600 and, with "flow-on" effects, support of the order of one in ten of Cairns population.

**Table #1: Order of Magnitude Estimates of Marine Sector Direct Turnover & Employment
Cairns/Peninsula Australia Region**

	<u>Turnover</u>	<u>Employment</u>
<u>Ship Operations (Local)</u>	(approx.)	(approx.)
Reef fleet	\$180 m	800
Fishing Commercial & Recreational	\$200 m	900
Trading & Other Work Vessels	\$110 m	400
Navy & Other government Vessels	\$180 m	960
Total	\$670 m	3060
<u>Visiting Ships</u>		
Total Cruise Ships Super yachts Cruising yachts	\$50 m	250
<u>Support Operations</u>		
Shipyards	\$75 m	360
Support repair & maintenance	\$60 m	300
Other marine industry services	\$160 m	600
Total	\$295 m	1,260
Estimated Overall Total	\$1,015 m	4,600

Note⁽¹⁾: In turnover, there is some overlap with part of the turnover of the ship operations becoming the turnover of the support operations. Allowing for this turnover of the sector is estimated at about \$1.0bn and direct employment of the order of 4,600.

Source: Cummings Economics from industry information; 2011 detailed report update estimates.

Dependent on the Seaport is:

- o A major part of tourism activity.
- o Through export of sugar and import of fertilisers, most of the region's large agricultural sector.
- o Through the import of fuel, almost all economic activity including Cairns International Airport.

Coastal cargo services out of Cairns play a vital role in northern development in the Peninsula/Torres area.

Estimated value of cargo shipped	\$650 m pa
Population supported.....	21,000
Estimated Gross Regional Product	\$980 m pa
Estimated contribution to Australia's exports	\$800 m pa

Source: Cummings Economics/Sea Swift.