



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON FUTURE PLANS AT PORT**

BUNDABERG RESIDENTS have the opportunity to discuss future development plans with port representatives when the second lot of consultation sessions start this week at the Bundaberg Civic Centre.

Port of Bundaberg General Manager, Jenny Ryan, said the draft land use plan, which was released in October, outlines potential land uses in the Burnett Heads area and it is important the community are able to review the document.

"The draft land use plan outlines what the Corporation considers the most appropriate use for port land in the Burnett Heads and Bundaberg area," Ms Ryan said.

"Following the completion of the consultation period, the plan will be submitted to Government in early 2009 (with a summary of all community and stakeholders submissions) for statutory approval."

"In the meantime, we are working hard to follow strict port, as well as government, protocol in presenting the most commercially-viable, balanced land use plan for a sustainable future at this regional port."

Ms Ryan said the feedback to date on the land use plan and for development in the area has been positive despite community concerns coal will be exported from Bundaberg.

"The last round of open consultation sessions (in November) were successful, with a lot of positive feedback regarding potential future development in the area," she said.

"Concern about the potential for coal trade through Bundaberg has been raised by some community members, and we have made record of these, but we have yet to receive a formal proposal for use of the port for this purpose."

Ms Ryan has confirmed that any proposals from developers or industry stakeholders will be subject to mandatory commercial and environmental assessments in accordance with internal business assessment and relevant state planning and environmental legislation.

**The Corporation will be holding open sessions regarding the draft land use plan at the Bundaberg Civic Centre Wednesday, from 3pm to 6pm, and Thursday 4 December, from 11am to 3pm.**

Stakeholders and interested member of the port community are invited to talk with a port representative during these sessions.

Submissions can be made to the Corporation up until Friday 12 December. For further information regarding the draft land use plan, community sessions or submissions please contact Jason Sprott or David Hertweck during business hours on (07) 3258 4888 or email [bundabergLUP@portbris.com.au](mailto:bundabergLUP@portbris.com.au).

Copies of the draft Land Use Plan are available from the Burnett Heads Community Hall, Bundaberg Regional Council and Port of Bundaberg office, or by downloading the document from [www.portofbundaberg.com.au](http://www.portofbundaberg.com.au).

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