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PORT OF BUNDABERG PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT RELEASED

The draft land use plan outlining potential development for the Port of Bundaberg in 2009 and beyond has been released for community consultation.

Port of Bundaberg General Manager, Jenny Ryan, believes the plan presents comprehensive development possibilities and ample opportunity for interested stakeholders to provide feedback to the Corporation.

"I think the draft Land Use Plan presents a balanced view on development potential for the Port of Bundaberg," Ms Ryan said.

"The next few weeks provides an opportunity for the community to review the plan, meet with our planners to discuss any queries, and make submissions accordingly."

The plan outlines four main precincts to be developed (and associated sub-areas) in the Burnett Heads region and are defined as Industry, Mixed-use, Environmental/Community or Special-use precincts.

"Major consideration has been given to the economic development, infrastructure, natural environment and character of these designated precincts," Ms Ryan said.

The plan indicates possible uses for these precincts, and confirms:

- Protection of ongoing port uses
- Protection of industrial land around the existing port industrial precinct
- Provision of land for Marine Industries
- Potential mixed-use developments (residential, retail and commercial) in and around the boat harbour and marina
- Protection and enhancement of significant recreation and parkland areas
- Protection of cultural heritage features and values
- Acknowledgement of residential areas in close proximity to the port, and the need to consider buffering
- Protection of conservation/bush land areas, and
- Identification of possible future transport corridors.

The "draft Land Use Plan 2009" will be on display between 17 October and 12 December with copies of the document 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.

The Corporation will be holding open sessions at the Burnett Heads Community Hall, Zunker Street, on Thursday November 6 (3pm to 6pm) and Friday November 7 (9am to 12noon).

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

Submissions can also be made to the Corporation regarding any matters presented within the document. Submissions must be in writing and received by Friday 12 December and can be lodged via email, fax or post.

For further information regarding the Draft Land Use Plan 2009, talk-to-a-planner sessions and submissions please contact Jason Sprott or David Hertweck during business hours on (07) 3258 4888 or email bundabergLUP@portbris.com.au.

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