



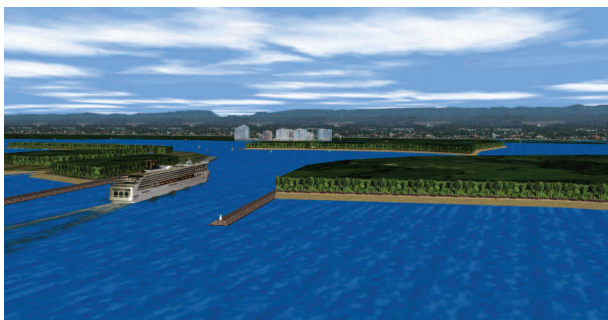
## Fact Sheet for Gold Coast Cruise Ship Terminal

Queensland attracts 70 per cent of all cruise ships that come to Australia and the Queensland Government is keen to develop a sustainable cruise shipping industry in the Smart State.

This has already begun with construction underway on Queensland's first dedicated cruise ship terminal at Brisbane's Portside Wharf.

This is expected to create a significant boost to the Queensland economy – about \$100 million during construction and \$53 million a year during operation.

That's why the State Government is investigating opportunities for port facilities in Townsville, Cairns and the Gold Coast.



### The background

#### First steps

- In July 2002, the Queensland Government begins a preliminary assessment to determine the viability of establishing a cruise ship terminal on the Gold Coast.
- Five sites are identified, including Wavebreak Island, an offshore terminal, two sites on the Broadwater and the end of The Spit.
- Election commitments by the Beattie Government immediately rule out Wavebreak Island and the Broadwater. The offshore terminal is deemed unsuitable.
- While the end of the Spit is chosen as the preferred location, more information is needed to determine the ability of large cruise ships to safely navigate the seaway channel in varying weather conditions.

#### Next step

- The State Government commissions a computer analysis at the Star Cruises Ship Simulation Centre in Malaysia.
- In 2004, experts from the Centre fly to Queensland to take digital photographs and collect data at the Seaway which are used to create a computer model of the area
- Queensland maritime pilots travel to Malaysia to take part in the study which involves different length ships and different, wind, current and wave conditions.
- The Minister for State Development and Innovation, Tony McGrady, publicly states that the results of the study are encouraging and that the report will be considered by the Government in the near future.

### The benefits of a cruise ship terminal on the Gold Coast

A Gold Coast Cruise Terminal would create up to 100 jobs during construction and once operational, would bring new tourism opportunities and spending to the region.

It would also help to consolidate the Gold Coast as a major international tourist destination.

### What next?

The Queensland Government is currently considering the results of the preliminary assessment and the computer analysis.

It is also continuing its discussions with local government authorities, the private sector and interested parties.

Before final decisions can be made, an environmental impact assessment will be undertaken involving full public consultation.

An announcement on whether the Government will progress these further studies will be made in the coming months.