

# Northern Economic Triangle— Abbot Point State Development Area

*The Northern Economic Triangle Infrastructure Plan 2007–2012* (the NET Infrastructure Plan) fosters sustainable economic, social and community growth through the support of Mount Isa, Townsville and Bowen as a triangle of mineral processing and industrial development over the next 50 years. The NET Infrastructure Plan comprises 120 actions to advance critical infrastructure and planning initiatives to maximise the investment potential of Mount Isa and Townsville, and develop a new industrial precinct at Bowen.

As part of the NET Infrastructure Plan, land was identified as suitable for major industrial development through the *Bowen Abbot Point Industrial Land Concept Plan and Infrastructure Plan*. One key objective of the NET Infrastructure Plan is to develop a new industrial precinct at Abbot Point for large-scale industry. On 19 June 2008, the Governor in Council declared an area at Abbot Point to be a state development area for industrial

purposes under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

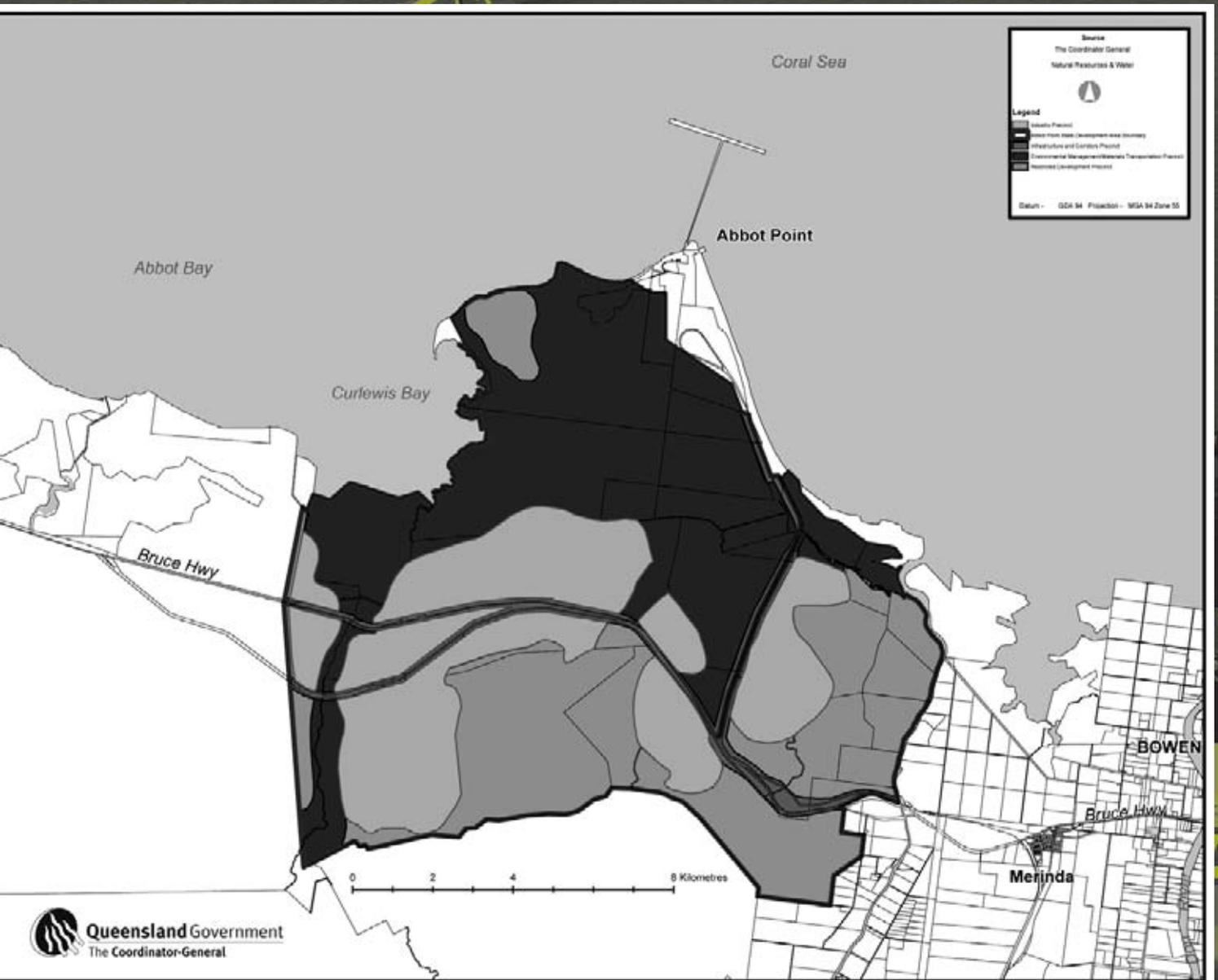
Abbot Point is strategically located for industry and offers competitive advantages due to its remoteness and access to an adjacent deepwater port. The Abbot Point State Development Area (APSDA) totals 16 230 hectares and is divided into four land use precincts—an industry precinct (4700 hectares), an infrastructure and corridors precinct, an environmental management/materials transportation precinct and a restricted development precinct. The development scheme will provide for the establishment of large-scale industrial development while recognising and protecting environmental, cultural heritage and community values. Policies to support the development scheme are currently being finalised for the Coordinator-General's approval. Studies to identify an infrastructure corridor between the industry precinct and the port of Abbot Point will be conducted in the first part of the 2008–09 financial year.

Additional technical studies will be undertaken to better understand the environmental values of the APSDA including:

- flora and fauna
- stormwater and catchments
- airshed modelling
- cultural heritage management
- traffic impacts
- assessments of the potential impacts of infrastructure
- location of infrastructure corridors.

These studies will help to identify the environmental values of the APSDA and will include detailed mapping of remnant vegetation and other areas of high ecological value.

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