

# Cairns Convention Centre Expansion Project

Road closure

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# Purpose of this report

This report supports amendments to the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2010* to facilitate the Cairns Convention Centre Expansion Project. The amending regulation is provided for under sections 108 and 109 and section 173 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.



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# 1. Background

On 8 August 2019, the Premier and Minister for Trade, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk announced the Cairns Convention Centre Expansion Project (the project). The \$176 million project will create 570 full-time jobs and involves the upgrade and expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre to meet potential unmet demand for national and international conventions in Cairns.

The project seeks to provide additional exhibition and meeting facilities to cater for an increase in patrons, including a new entry, space for 36 exhibitor booths, three meeting rooms, a plenary space and a rooftop banqueting space.

## 2. The Project

### 2.1 Responsible entity

The State Government (represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW)) is responsible for delivering the project with Lendlease Building Pty Ltd, as the Managing Contractor.

### 2.2 Project description

The project seeks to expand the Cairns Convention Centre by providing additional exhibition and meeting facilities to cater for an increase in patrons, including a new entry, space for 36 exhibitor booths, three meeting rooms, a plenary space and a rooftop banqueting space.

The design of the project requires the permanent closure of parts of Wharf and Sheridan Streets in the Cairns central business district (CBD) adjacent to the Cairns Convention Centre (refer to **Appendix 1**). The area of road reserve proposed to be impacted by the expansion is located within the existing road verge and has no impact on traffic movement in the carriageway.

#### 2.2.1 Location

The project is proposed to expand the existing Cairns Convention Centre located at the corner of Wharf and Sheridan Streets in the Cairns CBD. The project is located at Lot 114 on SP199207 and also requires sections of Wharf and Sheridan Street's road verge (**Appendix 1**).

#### 2.2.2 Land requirements

Due to the design of the project the permanent closure of parts of Wharf and Sheridan Streets in the Cairns CBD adjacent to the Cairns Convention Centre is required. The area of road reserve proposed to be impacted by the project is located within the existing road verge and has no impact on traffic movement in the carriageway.

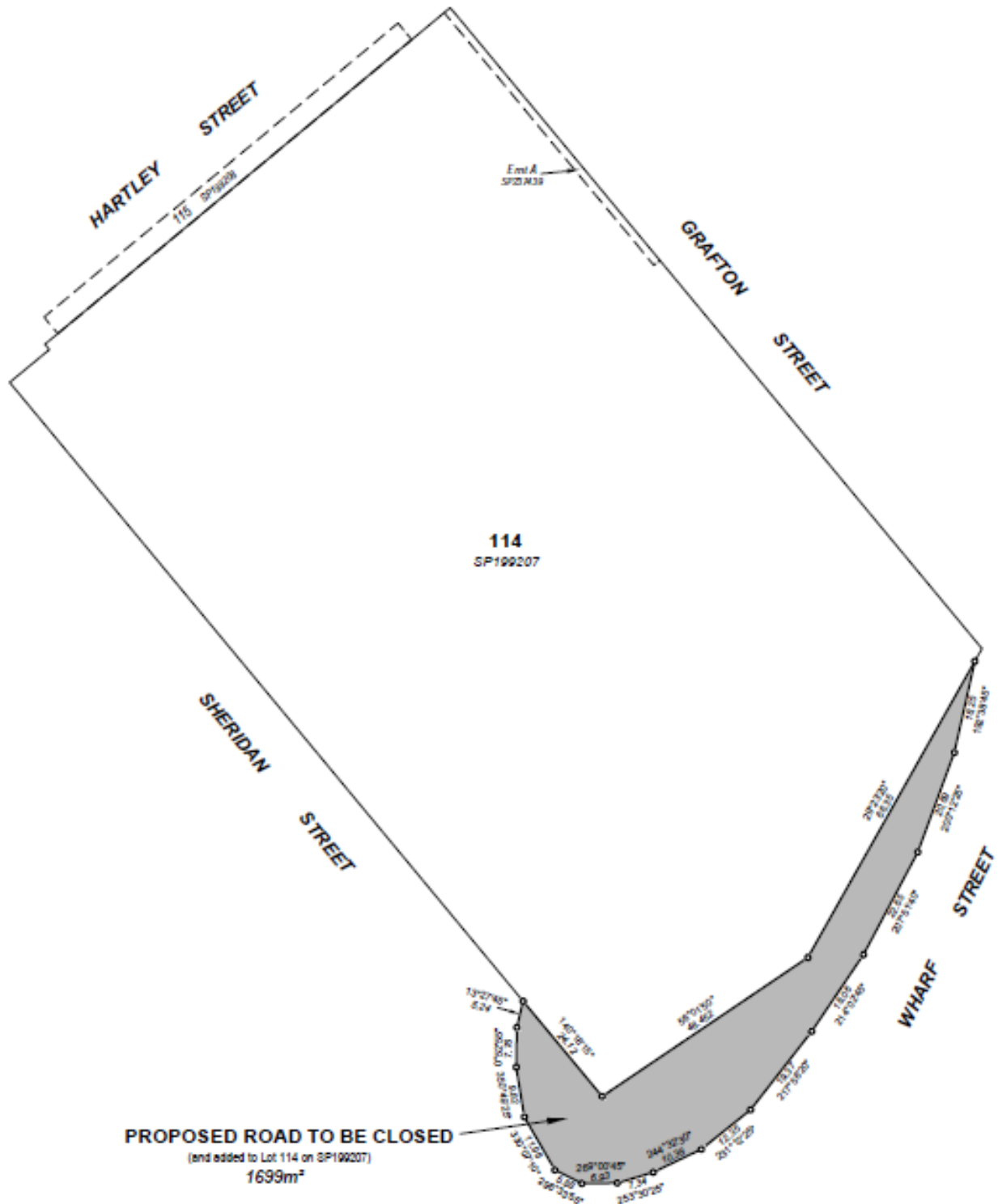
During construction of the project, pedestrian and vehicular traffic diversions may be required and will be managed in accordance with an approved Traffic Management Plan.

#### 2.2.3 Coordinator-General

The Coordinator-General has functions and powers to facilitate large-scale and complex projects, while ensuring their environmental and social impacts are properly managed.

The Coordinator-General may provide assistance to deliver the project through the use of the powers under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

# Appendix 1 Road closure plan



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