

Media Statement

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CEO elected to peak national ports body

The Chief Executive Officer of Ports North, Chris Boland, has been elected to the peak national body representing Australian ports.

Ports Australia elected its new board members in late October at its national Biennial conference in Perth.

“Being elected to the PA board is an acknowledgement of Chris’s capabilities and management skills,” Ports North chairman Brett Moller said. “He is one of only three representatives from Queensland and the first from the Cairns region.

“I think this is a ‘hats off’ moment for Ports North and for Far North Queensland.”

Ports Australia represents the interests of port and marine authorities across the country and has been in existence in a number of forms since 1916.

Its mission is to provide leadership and support in areas of common interest related to government owned and privately owned ports as well as marine regulatory authorities in Australia. It promotes achievement of trade facilitation at a national and international level and builds public awareness, understanding and support for ports’ contribution to national, state and regional development and their key role in transport supply chains.

“Chris Boland’s selection to this national Authority is a reflection, also, of the progressive leadership which he brings to Ports North and the Cairns maritime industry,” Mr Moller said.

“His experience and skills will ensure the Cairns region remains on the national ports radar, as we seek to develop and promote the Far North.”

Mr Boland was appointed CEO of Ports North in November 2009, and oversaw the its new expanded role of managing the regional ports of Cairns, Cape Flattery, Mourilyan, Karumba, Thursday Island, Skardon River, Quintell Beach, Burketown and Cooktown.

Born in Queensland, he gained an honours degree in Engineering at the University of Queensland before working in Melbourne, the United Kingdom and Cairns.

Mr Boland has lived in Cairns since 1987 with his family.

He has previously undertaken roles in general management, asset management, operations and engineering services in both the Cairns Seaport and Cairns Airport businesses.

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