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## Ports North CEO leads Queensland Association

The Chief Executive Officer of Ports North, Chris Boland, has received another accolade within the maritime industry with his appointment as Queensland Ports Association Chair.

Mr Boland was made a member of the board of the peak national body representing the nation's ports, Ports Australia, in October last year, and was the first member from the Cairns region to be appointed.

"This latest acknowledgement once again shows that Chris's knowledge and expertise in the port industry is appreciated and recognised by his peers," Ports North Chairman Brett Moller said.

"As Chair of Queensland Ports Association, coupled with the Ports Australia board membership, Chris will be in a strong position to ensure the interests of our region are well represented in Australian, and Queensland, ports decision making."

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

"Chris's rising star is throwing more light on our own corporation," Mr Moller said. "Ports North's reputation as a clean, green and highly efficient port manager and operator continues to grow nationally and internationally. This in turn can only enhance the prospects for our region as a premiere tourism destination as well as promoting commercial opportunities throughout our far northern ports."

Born in Queensland, Mr Boland 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.

QPA is the leading industry association representing the interests of all Queensland ports including the North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation, Port of Brisbane, Far North Queensland Ports Corporation (trading as Ports North), Port of Townsville and Gladstone Ports Corporation.

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