1. The Environmental Protection (Transhipping Activities) Amendment Regulation 2020 (the Amendment Regulation) will give full legislative effect to the Queensland Government’s transhipping policy.
2. The primary objectives of the Amendment Regulation are to clearly prescribe transhipping as an environmentally relevant activity (ERA) and require the refusal of environmental authority applications for transhipping within particular areas of the Great Barrier Reef.
3. The Amendment Regulation defines transhipping as the loading or unloading of minerals or bulk materials from one ship to another ship at a rate of 100 tonnes or more in a day. Transhipping does not include activities for an emergency response, ship refuelling, transfer of materials between ships docked within port limits, and transport of materials to remote areas of the state.
4. The Amendment Regulation also clarifies and improves the existing regulation of mineral and bulk material handling activities (ERA 50).
5. Cabinet endorsed that the Environmental Protection (Transhipping Activities) Amendment Regulation 2020 be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
6. Attachments
* [Environmental Protection (Transhipping Activities) Amendment Regulation 2020](Attachments/Reg.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Certificate](Attachments/HRC.PDF)