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**Media Release**

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**Gladstone Ports Corporation welcomes the release of the National Ports Strategy**

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) chairman Ian Brusasco has welcomed the release of the National Ports Strategy.

Mr Brusasco said it was pleasing to see the Federal Government embrace the significance of ports to the development of the nation's economy and prosperity.

"Ports are integral to the financial health of our nation and often are the leaders for the economic development of the regions where they are situated," Mr Brusasco said.

"Gladstone Ports Corporation has been leading the way in terms of strategic planning processes, already having in place a 50 year strategic plan.

"GPC is one of few ports in the country that has developed a long term strategic plan for the development of its business."

Mr Brusasco said GPC developed its first 50 year strategic plan over 20 years ago.

"In fact GPC has been leading the way in strategic planning processes from the 1950's when the then Chairman Martin Hanson was talking about developing a 50 year strategic plan for the Port of Gladstone.

"This shows the visionary strength of the Gladstone Ports Corporation and its ability to grow the economy of the Gladstone region."

Prime Minister Julia Gillard launched the National Ports Strategy last week.

The National Ports Strategy has been formulated to provide a new foundation for the productivity and faster economic growth across Australia by improving the design, planning and performance of Australian ports.

The strategy has been developed by Infrastructure Australia and the National Transport Commission.

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