

# Maritime-related manufacturing

## Port Stephens



### Location snapshot



Close to Port of Newcastle



Available industrial-zoned lands



Established heavy industry manufacturing industry



Large and qualified workforce

### Existing capability

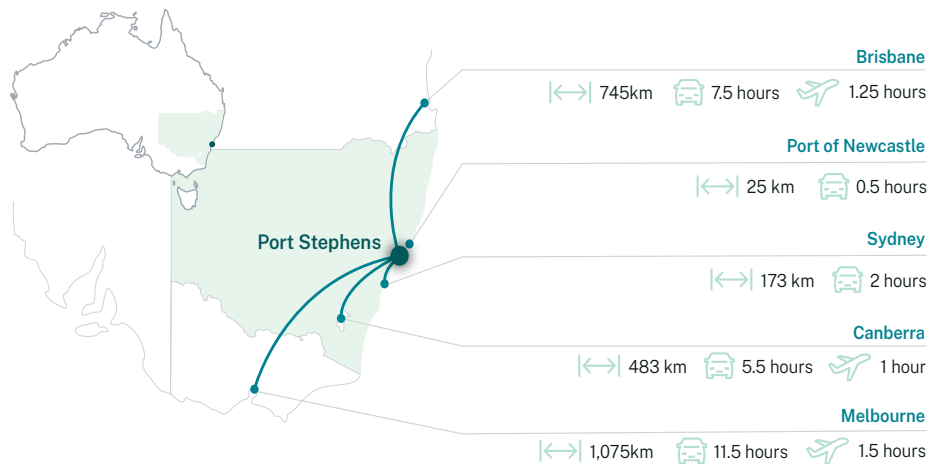
Boasting a long history of maritime manufacturing and engineering, Port Stephens is located within close proximity to the Port of Newcastle and is home to the deep-water natural harbour at Nelson Bay. Heavy manufacturing companies already exist in the region, including Cimvec who operate a 227,000 sqm purpose-built shipyard on the Hunter River.

Businesses can also leverage the local transport and power infrastructure while also tapping into a vast workforce trained in heavy industry.

### Connected

Port Stephens is only 2 hours from Sydney and immediately north of Newcastle. The location just off the Pacific Highway – which connects Brisbane and Sydney – ensures strong road connectivity, and the Main North Railway Line provides excellent passenger and freight rail connections.

The region is home to Newcastle Airport, providing daily flights to Australia's major markets. This, coupled with the nearby Port of Newcastle (the largest bulk shipping port on the Australian East Coast), ensures the region is truly an international trade gateway.



## About Port Stephens



**>\$5 billion**

annual value of manufacturing output



**185,000**

strong workforce within 1-hour drive



**2 hours**

north of Sydney by road

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## Choice of location

Port Stephens has a range of industrial land, depending on the requirements of your business. Key industrial land is provided at Heatherbrae and Tomago, where vacant and infill E4 General Industrial zoned sites are available.

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## Workforce

A large workforce of 185,000 resides within a 1-hour drive of Port Stephens. This workforce specialises in manufacturing, with nearly 11,000 workers employed across the sector. Furthermore, globally-ranked University of Newcastle provides a strong graduate pipeline of 35,000 students.

Also helping to feed this future workforce pipeline is the Port Stephens P-Tech program (Pathways in Technology), which provides pathways for students into advanced manufacturing, mechanical engineering and aviation.

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## Industry outlook

According to IBISWorld, the Shipbuilding and Repair Services sector in Australia is estimated to worth approximately \$4.4 billion annually and is expected to grow at 2.2 percent annually for the next five years, driven by capital expenditure in the defence sector.

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## Enviably lifestyle

From powder-soft sands to turquoise waters, Port Stephens' picturesque location is complemented by world-class health and education facilities, and a flourishing food, arts and culture scene.

The liveability of Port Stephens provides a competitive edge for businesses when recruiting highly skilled staff, who can enjoy an enviable lifestyle just a short drive from Sydney and a short flight from Brisbane and Melbourne.



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