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# WELCOME

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry looks forward to welcoming you to the 27th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import & Export Inspection & Certification Systems, in Cairns, Queensland, Australia from 16 - 20 September 2024.

In Australia, we recognise the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to land, sea, environment, water and community. In Gimuy (Cairns), the traditional custodians are the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji (Cairns First Nations) people. We pay our respect to them, their culture and elders both past and present.

This Delegate Information Pack has been developed to provide helpful information and advice about CCFICS27 and visiting Cairns.

If you have any questions, you can email the Australian Codex Contact Point.

Email: [Codex.Contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:Codex.Contact@aff.gov.au)

# OVERVIEW

The 27th session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems will be held from 16 September 2024 to 20 September 2024 in Cairns, Queensland, Australia at the Pullman Cairns International.

For full participation in all events and meetings throughout the week, physical attendance will be necessary. Remote (virtual) participation in the plenary and physical working group, including the possibility to make interventions, will be enabled via the Zoom platform, where we are able to.

Onsite registration to collect badges and other materials will be available on:

- Sunday 15 September 2024 from 08:30 – 11:00 AEST
- Monday 16 September 2024 from 08:30 – 09:30 AEST

A CCFICS27 Delegate Information Session will be held virtually in the weeks prior to the CCFICS27 Plenary. Further details will be made available on the CCFICS27 webpage in due course.

A physical working group, with the possibility of virtual attendance, will be held on Sunday 15 September 2024. Further details will be made available on the CCFICS27 webpage in due course.

Report adoption will be held on Friday 20 September 2024.



# TIMETABLE

Please visit the CCFICS27 meeting page on the Codex website to access the timetable and all working documents related to this session. Documents will be uploaded as they become available. Hard copies of published documents will not be provided.



# REGISTRATION

Registrations to attend the Session in-person are due by 16 August 2024

Please ensure that your Codex Contact Point (for member countries and observer organizations) registers all members of your delegation for the upcoming session, via the following link: [www.codexalimentarius.org/login](http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login)

Registrations must specify mode of attendance as in-person or online.

Please ensure your Codex Contact Point provides the following details of the representatives in your delegation: names, official titles, organisation, and country, where applicable. The details you provide will be reflected in the participants list.

## Registration on arrival in Cairns

When you arrive in Cairns, we request you register at the registration desk before entering the Session.

- Sunday 15 September 2024 from 08:30 – 11:00 AEST
- Monday 16 September 2024 from 08:30 – 09:30 AEST

## Online Attendance

Delegates attending online may register up to 11 September 2024.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRALIA

To enter Australia, you may need an approved visa. We encourage you to contact your country's consular services to determine the entry requirements applicable to you.

Delegates are encouraged to submit visa applications well in advance of CCFICS27, as it can take around 30 days to process a visa.

To apply for a visa, visit: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

If you require a government letter of invitation, in addition to the official FAO/WHO letter of invitation to support your visa application, please contact: [codex.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:codex.contact@aff.gov.au).



## SESSION VENUE

### Pullman Cairns International

*Address: 17 Abbott Street, Cairns Qld 4870, Australia*

CCFICS27 will be held at the Pullman Cairns International in Cairns, Queensland, Australia.

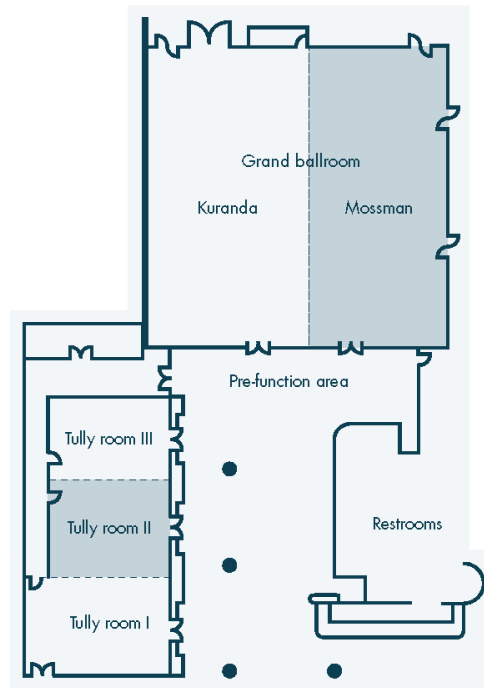
### Plenary

The plenary will be held in the Grand Ballroom on the ground level of the hotel.

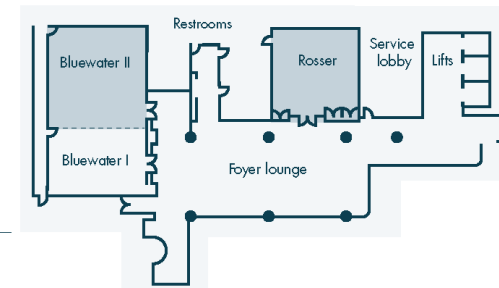


## Venue Map

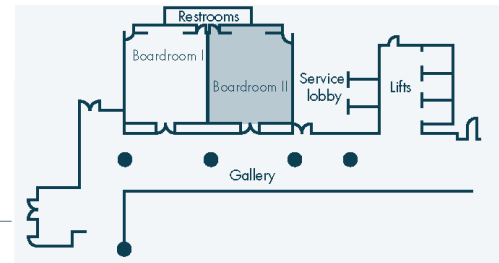
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 Grand ballroom  
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 Ballroom foyer  
 Tully I  
 Tully II  
 Tully III



**Level 1**  
 Bluewater I  
 Bluewater II  
 Rosser  
 Agincourt  
 Foyer lounge



**Level 2**  
 Boardroom I  
 Boardroom II  
 Kingsfords





# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

## Pullman Cairns International (Session venue)

The Pullman Cairns International Hotel is centrally located in Cairns City. Facilities include a 24-hour front desk, complimentary Wi-Fi, swimming pool, fitness club and day spa.

Check-in and out times:

Check-in: 3 pm

Check-out: 11 am

Requests for early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability and can be requested at reception.



## ***Delegate Bookings***

A discounted group rate for CCFICS27 delegates is available with the Pullman Cairns International. This booking rate is valid for up to 3 days before the Session and up to 3 days after the Session ends, subject to availability, and up to 3 days after the Session ends.

**Classic City Mountain View Room,  
Classic Harbour View Room, or Classic Executive Suite Room**

\$280 AUD per room per night (room only)

**Superior Room (King or Twin)**

\$300 AUD per room per night (room only)

To book your accommodation, visit <https://www.idem.events/r/department-of-agriculture-fisheries-and-forestry>.

80 rooms will be held exclusively for delegates to book. Unsold rooms will be gradually released from **mid-June 2024** as we approach the event. You are encouraged to book early if you wish to secure a room at the above rate.

## Other Accommodation

There are a number of other accommodation options in Cairns to suit a range of budgets. Some alternative options have been compiled below, based on proximity to the venue. This list is not intended as a recommendation and delegates are encouraged to make their own judgement.

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<b>Pullman Reef Hotel Casino</b> 📍 35/41 Wharf St, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>Park Regis Piermond Apartments</b> 📍 2-4 Lake St, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>The Benson Hotel</b> 📍 50 Grafton St, Cairns QLD 4870	<b>Notel Cairns Oasis Resort</b> 📍 122 Lake St, Cairns City QLD 4870
<b>Pacific Hotel Cairns</b> 📍 43 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>The Sebel Cairns Harbour Light</b> 📍 1 Marlin Parade, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>Park Regis City Quays</b> 📍 6 Lake St, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>Il Centro Apartments</b> 📍 26-30 Sheridan St, Cairns City QLD 4870
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<b>Hilton Cairns</b> 📍 34 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>Mantra Trilogy Cairns</b> 📍 53-57 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>Hides Hotel Cairns</b> 📍 87 Lake St, Cairns City QLD 4870	<b>Coral Tree Inn</b> 📍 102 Harrington St, Hobart TAS 7000

# GETTING TO AND AROUND CAIRNS

There are a variety of ways to get around Cairns.

## Cairns International Airport to the Pullman Cairns International

- 12 minutes by Car / Taxi (estimated \$25 AUD one way)/ Uber

Airport transfers can be arranged through the hotel.

The hotel is within walking distance of the Cairns Convention Centre, cruise terminal, railway station and shopping centres and entertainment including the night markets.

## Exemplar Coaches and Limousines

Exemplar Coaches and Limousines offers scheduled Seat-in-Coach services from Cairns Airport to/from Port Douglas, Cairns CBD and Palm Cove.

Cost: to Cairns CBD \$20.

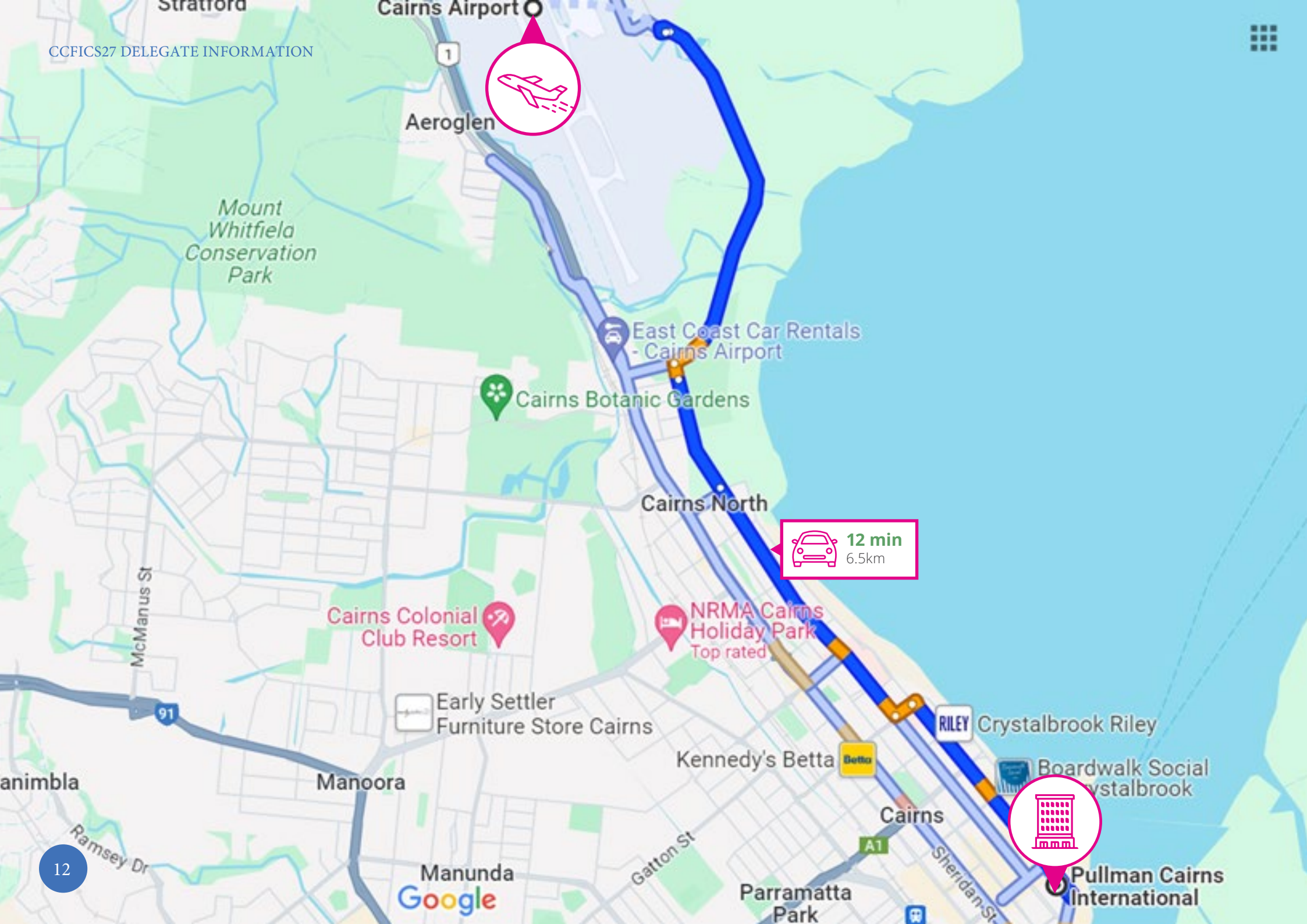
Website: [www.exemplaronline.com.au](http://www.exemplaronline.com.au) or +617 4213 3333.

## Taxi (cab) and Uber

You can get a taxi or Uber from the airport at the appropriate pick-up points. There should be signage at the airport that directs you to the taxi ranks where you can line up.

Taxis in Australia are metred and paid on arrival at your destination. You can also call for a taxi to get around Cairns, or wave one down on the street. Your hotel can often arrange a taxi for you on request.

To catch an Uber, download the Uber App to your device and order your ride.



12 min  
6.5km





## Car Hire

A number of car hire companies operate at Cairns airport.

Website: <https://www.cairnsairport.com.au/travelling/parking-and-transport/car-hire/>

### Licence requirements:

You can drive in Queensland using your international licence if you meet certain criteria. To find out more about Australia's requirements, visit [Queensland Transport Services](#).

For guidance on driving in Australia, you may like to read the following resource.

- [australia.com/en/facts-and-planning/getting-around/driving-in-australia.html](http://australia.com/en/facts-and-planning/getting-around/driving-in-australia.html)

## Public transport: Bus

TransLink's public bus service, Sunbus, operates throughout the city, running from the northern beaches to the southern suburbs via the Lake Street bus terminal (located between Shields and Aplin streets).

There are several paper ticket options for the [Cairns bus network](#).

- **Single:** a one-way ticket which includes 2-hour transfer time (\$2.40-\$4.80)
- **Daily:** unlimited travel within the zones purchased until the last service on any one day (\$4.80-\$9.60)
- **Weekly:** unlimited travel within the zones purchased for 7 days from the issue date (\$19.20-\$38.40).

Paper tickets can be purchased onboard a Cairns bus service using cash.

View the Cairns Bus Network Guide to see bus routes and times.

Website: <https://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares-and-zones/cairns>

# THINGS TO DO IN CAIRNS

## Day tours

Tourism suggestions around Cairns are provided below, depending on whether you wish to see land or sea, and also how much time you have:

Full day (land based) – Cape Tribulation & Daintree Rainforest Tour – from \$220 (<https://www.billytea.com.au>) - Cairns City accommodation: pick up between 7.00 – 7.15am, returns 6.30pm

Half day (land based) – Kuranda Day Trip with Skyrail Cableway Ticket – from \$124 (<https://www.skyrail.com.au>) – self-drive and bus pick up options – Cairns Central Railway Station 08:30 or 09:30am.

Full day (sea based) – Outer Great Barrier Reef tour (Michaelmas Cay, Hastings Reef) – from \$250 (<https://seastarcruises.com.au>) - Departs Cairns Marlin Marina 7:30am – 4pm (places limited to 36 people)

Full day (sea based) – Reef Magic Pontoon Outer Great Barrier Reef Day Cruise – from \$289 (<https://reefmagic.experienceoz.com.au>) Hotel transfers from \$27. Boarding 8.15am – arrive back 5pm.

Full day (sea based) – Quicksilver Cruises – from \$312 (<https://quicksilver-cruises.com/reef-tour/wavepiercer/>) Coach transfers from \$24. Boarding 9.15am.

Visit the Cairns Tourist Information Centre - Address: Mantra Esplanade Cairns, Corner Shields St, Cairns City QLD 4870.

To find out more about activities and adventure while visiting Cairns, visit [Tourism and Events Queensland](#).

## Nearby dining options include

Salt House \$\$ - Modern Australian  
Marina Point, 6/2 Pier Point Rd, Cairns City QLD 4870

Hemingway's Brewery Cairns Wharf \$\$ - Pub food  
Wharf St, Cairns City QLD 4870

Ochre Restaurant \$\$\$ - Modern Australian  
Harbour Lights Boardwalk, 1 Marlin Parade, Cairns City QLD 4870

Cairns Night Market \$ - Street food  
54-60 Abbott St, Cairns City QLD 4870

Wharf ONE \$ -Café  
Wharf Street On Trinity Wharf, Cairns City QLD 4870

Blu Marlin Bistro \$ - Café - 1a Spence St, Cairns City QLD 4870

Dundeels on the Waterfront \$\$\$ - Seafood restaurant  
Marlin Parade, Cairns City QLD 4870

The Backyard Cairns \$\$ - Modern Australian  
Pier Point Rd, Cairns City QLD 4870

Prawn Star \$\$ - Seafood restaurant  
Pier Point Road, Marlin Marina, E31 Berth, Cairns City QLD 4870

Cairns Yacht Club - Marlin Marina \$\$ - Pub food  
g9 Pier Point Rd, Cairns City QLD 4870

Cairns Dinner Cruise – from \$119 departs 6.30pm  
Marlin Marina, Cairns City QLD 4870



# HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT AUSTRALIA

## Time Zone

From 16 – 20 September 2024, the time zone in Cairns, Queensland will be Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) (GMT+10).

## Weather

September is part of Australia's Spring season. Cairns is located in northern Queensland which has a tropical climate. On average, the temperature in September in Cairns is 19 – 28 degrees Celsius with high levels of humidity.

You can check the weather in Australia at:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/>

## Currency

Australia's national currency is Australian dollars (AUD), which comes in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent and one and two dollar denominations.

## Electricity

In Australia, the standard voltage is 240 V. The power plugs and sockets are known as Type I.

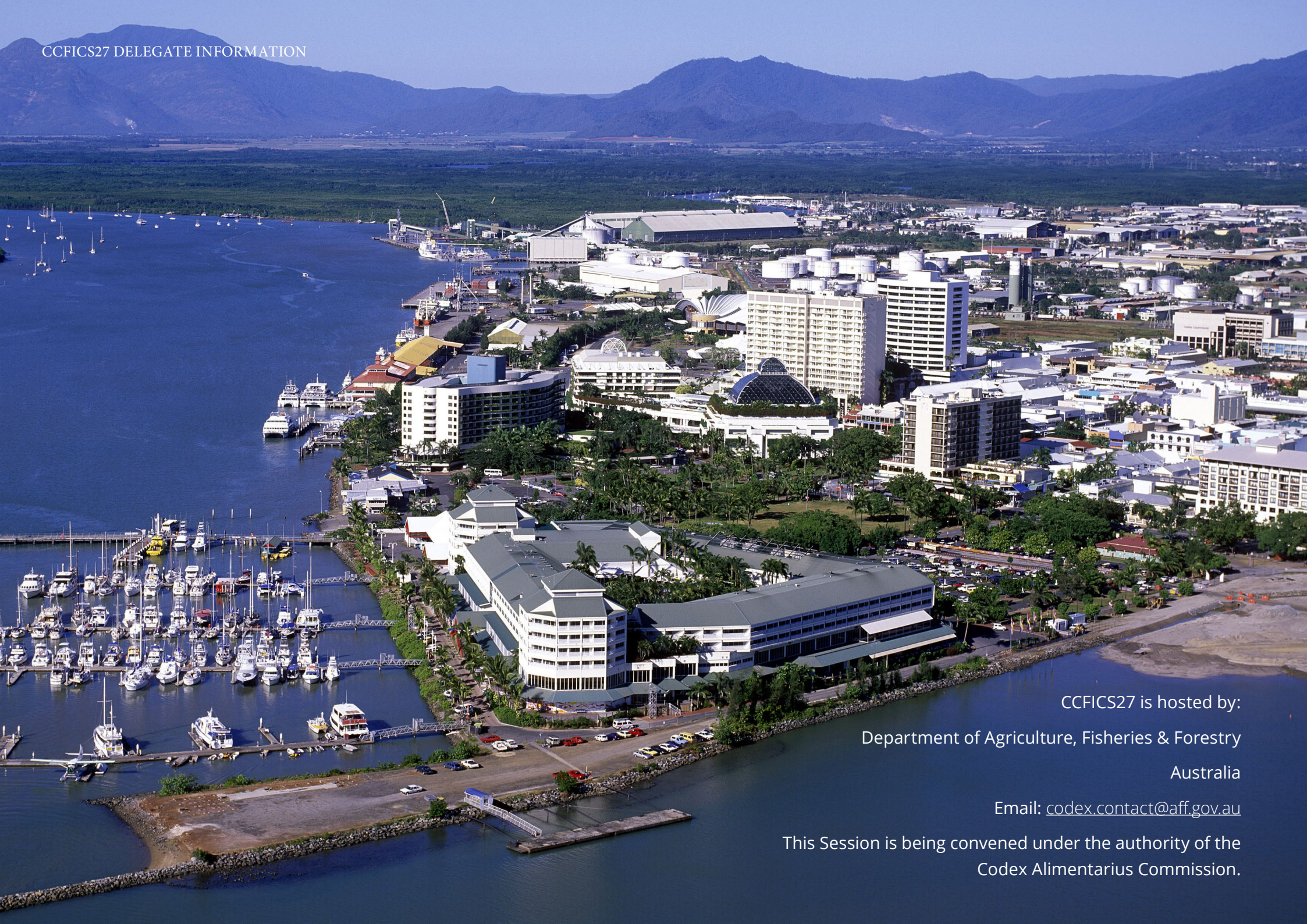
Please see <https://internationalconfigurations.com/australian-power-cords-power-supply-cords.php>.

## You don't need to tip

Tipping isn't common practice in Australia, and there is no requirement to tip extra on top of the bill.

## Emergency Services

If you experience an emergency and need urgent help from police, fire or ambulance services, the phone number is Triple Zero (000). You should only call this number if the situation is serious and urgent.



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