

### **3. HINCHINBROOK CHANNEL: DREDGING NOT FEASIBLE**

The untenable cost of dredging in the Hinchinbrook Channel is why sugar ships are loaded from one of the longest jetties in the world, 7 km out from Lucinda (only Texas and Mexico have a longer jetty); for the same reason a ferry terminal proposal for Dungeness was abandoned about 1997; and the only attempt at dredging a channel to the Cardwell jetty (about 1980) was abandoned virtually before it was completed, so quickly did it fill in. ##