

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF?

FAR-NORTH QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY SURVEY

This survey is designed to assess your opinions regarding the current and future environmental health of the Great Barrier Reef.

We plan to use the results to identify community and business priorities, and help facilitate action to protect our world heritage icon.

1. Compared to 10 years ago, do you think the condition of the Great Barrier Reef is better, worse or much the same? (tick one)

- Better Condition Worse Condition About the same Don't know

2. There are a number of potential threats to the Great Barrier Reef. How concerned are you about each of these?

(mark one response for each threat)

Threat	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	A little Concerned	Not at all Concerned	Don't Know
Climate change					
Commercial shipping					
Crown of thorns starfish					
Overfishing					
Storms, cyclones					
Tourism					
Construction of ports and dredging					
Illegal poaching of wildlife (e.g. turtles, dugongs)					
Industrial chemical pollution					
Farm pesticide chemical pollution					
Sediment pollution due to erosion					
Marine Debris					

3. There are currently plans to dredge over 5 million cubic metres of sea bed in Trinity Inlet, Cairns and dump it in the Great Barrier Reef's waters to enable very large ships to access Cairns. How concerned are you about this?

- Very Concerned Somewhat Concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned Don't Know

4. The Great barrier Reef is World Heritage listed for its outstanding environmental and cultural heritage. The World Heritage Committee is worried about industrial development and port expansion in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. It is considering listing the Reef as World Heritage in Danger. How concerned are you about this?

- Very Concerned Somewhat Concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned Don't Know

5. Do you support a ban on the dumping of dredged waste in the Great Barrier Reef waters?

- Yes No Don't Know

6. Would you support expanded stream bank revegetation projects to improve the quality of water draining to the Reef?

- Yes No Don't Know

7. Currently the Reef Water Quality Research and Development Program works to improve our understanding of the link between land management practices and environmental impacts, and improve water quality across the Great Barrier Reef.

Would you like to see this funding: Reduced Maintained Expanded Don't Know

8. An estimated 10,000 ship voyages already traverse the Reef every year and the visits to Qld ports are projected to double by 2020, driven mainly by coal exports.

Would you support:

Compulsory pilotage through the whole Reef?

Yes No Don't Know

A cap on the size and number of ships traversing the Reef every year?

Yes No Don't Know

A requirement for ships not visiting Reef ports to travel outside the Reef?

Yes No Don't Know

9. There is a proposal for a coal mine at Bathurst Bay near Lakefield National Park (around 150 km NE of Cooktown). The coal would be put on barges and then transferred to coal ships in the Great Barrier Reef's waters. How concerned are you about this proposal?

Very Concerned Somewhat Concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned Don't Know

10. The federal government is proposing to hand over environmental approvals for developments to the Queensland State Government. This could mean that the State Government could become both a key proponent and the environmental regulator for developments. Do you believe that final approval for industrial developments, including port expansion and dredging should be in the hands of:

Federal Government State Government Local Government Don't know

Other (please specify).....

11. Do you think that there is a need to change fisheries management arrangements?

Yes No Don't Know

If yes which of the following would you support?

Net free areas designed to maximise recreational fishing opportunity and increase tourism.

Removing fishing practices that result in large amounts of bycatch (unwanted fish returned to the water dead).

Changing fishing licences by regionalising fishing areas to ensure that local commercial fishers who manage their licence areas well are not disadvantaged by less responsible fishers from other areas?

12. Do you own or work in a small business that is very dependent on the tourism industry?

Yes No

13. Do you work for a business that is involved in or very dependent on the mining industry?

Yes No

14. Your details - We respect your privacy – your personal details will not be shared with 3rd parties without your permission, only the overall results of this survey will be published.

Name:

Email (please print clearly):

Address:

Postcode:

Additional comments:

The team behind this survey care about our environment and small and medium size businesses that rely on the health of our world class environmental asset - The Great Barrier Reef. This questionnaire is about sending a collective message to our political representatives, corporate business owners and relevant organisations regarding our concerns.

Thank you for your time!

Completed Surveys:

Return to surveyor (person who handed you the survey)

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• **Would you like to receive further information about issues you have identified as being of concern to you?** Yes No

• **Would you be happy for your opinions to be raised with your local member of Parliament and other relevant politicians?** Yes No