

# CAFNEC ELECTION 2015 ENVIRONMENT REPORT CARD



## How do the parties rate on environment issues in the Far North?

This election scorecard short summary has been compiled by CAFNEC based on a questionnaire sent to all parties and publically announced policies or Government actions

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POLICY AREA	PARTY			
	Katter Aust	Greens	LNP	Labor
<b>Great Barrier Reef Protection (Overall Rating)</b>	●	●	●	●
Ban new dredge spoil dumping in the GBR World Heritage Area	●	●	● *	●
Cairns Dredging Proposal	●	●	●	●
Reef - sustainability and 'in Danger' listing	●	●	●	●
FNQ net free area to support fish stock recovery	●	●	●	●
<b>Renewable energy and energy efficiency</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>Coal Seam Gas (Mt Mulligan proposal)</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>Cairns water expansion - Mulgrave Aquifer/dam developments</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>Cubby Station style agricultural development in the Gulf</b>	●	●	●	●

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Cape York Protection	●	●	●	●
Cairns Flying Fox dispersal	●	●	●	●
Aquis Casino Resort	●	●	●	●
Protection of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area	●	●	●	●

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This report card has been developed based on responses to a survey sent to all political parties, published policies and current Government activities. No response to our survey was received from the LNP or Palmer United Party. Given the lack of published environmental policy from PUP it was not possible to rate them on environmental issues. The One Nation response was incomplete. All survey responses will be available on the CAFNEC website. Ratings are relative to other parties policies only, and do not necessarily reflect fully adequate responses to the issues.

\* The LNP has told community groups that they back the Federal Government position, which is that there will be no new dumping of dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) Marine Park. However recent comments from local candidate Gavin King stating that offshore dumping for Cairns dredge spoil is his preferred option indicate that this may not be their public position. The GBR World Heritage (WHA) area is a larger area than the Marine Park and a ban on new dumping in only the Marine Park fails to rule out offshore dumping in waters that will impact on the GBR.

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