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**More Study Required on Great Keppel Island Resort Proposal
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“Capricorn Conservation Council supports Minister Garrett’s decision, announced today, to undertake a thorough environmental impact study before approving a major resort development on Great Keppel Island” Michael McCabe said today.

“We have always been in favour of a new resort being built on the site of the old resort, as long as any development application undergoes the most rigorous environmental impact studies as the site is within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and any disturbance or activity on the island has the potential to disturb surrounding coral reefs.

The proposed excision of part of the GBR Marine Park which would involve dredging and constructing in a bay adjacent to highly sensitive coral reefs including a protected GBRMPA Green zone are also of key concern to us”. Mr McCabe said

“CCC considers Tower Holding’s proposed plan for Lot 21 is predominantly a real estate proposal. The developer must also give greater certainty about the extent of their proposal. For example Holding’s current proposal covers 250 ha and yet they claim that their development footprint is only 99 ha. They don’t seem to include the back yards of the proposed residential lots of their development as being part of the footprint!”

“Given the obligations of Australia to protect the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, we applaud Peter Garrett’s decision to require Tower’s third proposal to undergo a thorough Federal Environmental Impact Study. Our members and the local community in Central Queensland who know and love this area look forward to contributing constructively to the Environmental Impact Study.” Mr McCabe said.
