



GKI - Still Open for Public Comment

The public still has time to make their views known about the Great Keppel Island resort proposal.

Submissions to the Federal EIS Guidelines are open until 22 October. Comments are sought on matters of national environmental significance. These include, World Heritage Area, Australian heritage places, migratory/threatened species and ecological communities and marine parks.

CCC Coordinator Michael McCabe said, “The State and Federal Environmental impact assessments are apolitical, technical processes, not a popularity contests.”

“Simply quoting the percentage of people who clicked a ‘SUPPORT’ button is misleading.”

“It does not reflect any real depth of understanding about the project’s total environmental footprint on Great Keppel and the surrounding Marine Park.”

“CCC has always expressed support for Great Keppel to again become a desirable tourism destination, as long as the resort proposal improves, rather than degrades the island and reef environments.”

“We suspect that 100% of the community has a similar view about the desirability of reopening the resort. However people need to take the time to read the full GKI Resort proposal; for example its massive scale (quoted as 860,000 person days per year), before blindly clicking away.”

“We don’t want to be misled like Magnetic Island residents were about the Nelly Bay marina and resorts which have left an environmental and economic mess plus a community divided.”

“CCC has suggested alternatives to a dredged marina and supports the findings of the 2009 Queensland Government *most appropriate land use study* which found that Lot 21 has high conservation values and should be protected as a National Park.”

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