



No structures sub-zones

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Background

Our goal is to provide for the protection, wise use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in perpetuity through care and development of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

No Structure Sub-zones were first introduced into the Marine Park in 1992 through the former *Cairns Section Zoning Plan*, to ensure that some areas of the Marine Park remained free from installations such as pontoons and other structures. In 2003, the *Cairns Section Zoning Plan* was replaced by the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan*. To help keep the new Zoning Plan simple, it was decided that the No Structure Sub-zones would be implemented through other mechanisms. If required, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority will consider listing each of the No Structure Sub-zones as Special Management Areas under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983*.

Objective

The objective of No Structure Sub-zones is to ensure that some areas of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park remain:

- a) in a natural state, largely unaltered by human works; and
- b) free from structures and permanently-moored facilities, except for approved vessel moorings, approved management, research and monitoring facilities and approved navigational markers which are essential for the protection, wise use, understanding and enjoyment of the Marine Park.

Management

In order to install a structure or permanently moored facility within the Marine Park, a permit is required from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. To protect the environment in particularly sensitive locations and to preserve the natural state of the Marine Park for visitors, applications to install structures (e.g. jetties) or permanently moor facilities (e.g. pontoons, glass bottom boats) at those locations included in No Structure Sub-zones in the former *Cairns Section Zoning Plan 1992* and listed at Schedule 1 to this policy, will continue to be considered in terms of their compatibility with the objective of No Structure Sub-zones, as described above.

Schedule 1

Locations

No Structure Sub-zone locations described in the former *Cairns Section Zoning Plan 1992*.

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| 1. Hilder Reef |
| 2. MacGillivray Reef |
| 3. Nymph Island Reef |
| 4. Eyrie Reef |
| 5. Two Islands Reef |
| 6. Low Wooded Island Reef |
| 7. Three Islands Reef |
| 8. Endeavour Reef complex |
| 9. Pearl Reef |
| 10. Pickersgill Reef |
| 11. Mackay Reef |
| 12. 'unnamed reef' Chinamans Reef |
| 13. Saxon Reef |
| 14. Escape Reef |
| 15. Opal Reef |
| 16. Channel Reef |
| 17. Cayley Reef |
| 18. Peart Reef |
| 19. Feather Reef |
| 20. 'unnamed reef' Shark/Noreaster Reef complex |
| 21. Carter Reef to Ribbon Reef No. 10 |
| 22. The area of dugong habitat north of Lookout Point |
| 23. The Turtle Group |
| 24. Lizard Island |
| 25. South Direction Island to Rock Islets |
| 26. Ribbon Reef No. 7 to Williamson Reefs |
| 27. Hope Islands |
| 28. Cairns Reef to Gill Patches |
| 29. Cedar Bay (Obree Point to Fritz Creek) |
| 30. Cape Tribulation to Lake Reef (Weary Bay) |
| 31. Noah Head |
| 32. Coastline adjacent to Mt Emmett |
| 33. Alexandra Bay – Cooper Creek to Bailey Creek |
| 34. Bailey Point |
| 35. Coastline adjacent to Black Rock |
| 36. Cape Kimberley and Snapper Island |
| 37. Undine Reef |
| 38. Michaelmas Reef to Upolu Cay |
| 39. Euston Reef to North West Reef |
| 40. Elford and Briggs Reefs |
| 41. Sudbury Cay |
| 42. Sudbury Reef (Flora Pass) |

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| 43. High Island |
| 44. Frankland Islands (South) |
| 45. North Barnard Islands |
| 46. South Barnard Islands |
| 47. Beaver and Taylor Reefs |

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