

PREFACE

This study was commissioned by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to provide information on the recreational usage patterns of Shoalwater Bay and adjacent waters. This study focuses on usage patterns by residents of the coastal area between Mackay and Gladstone. Another study, also commissioned by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, focuses on usage of the area by en-route recreational vessels, particularly cruising vessels.

A third study is proposed for 1998. This study would aim to determine the usage of Shoalwater Bay and adjacent waters by residents of inland Central Queensland.