

## FOREWORD

In June 1992, the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories announced that a charge would be introduced in July 1993 on commercial tourism operators in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. This became known as the Environmental Management Charge (EMC). Subsequently, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) decided to review the workability of the EMC for tourism operators and administrators after one year of operation. The review was conducted by Associate Professor Owen Stanley of James Cook University of North Queensland. He was assisted by Geoff Hansen of Canberra. This document is the report of that review.

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