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## PREAMBLE

We have endeavoured to present the bulk of this report in relatively non technical language accessible to the general reader. Where we felt particular issues needed elaboration or the addition of technical details and procedural explanations, we have put such details into BOXES. In general the material in the boxes is not essential reading.

Details of analytical results have been relegated to appendices, as has a detailed review of the effects of sedimentation on corals. We also present a skeleton of what we would see as necessary for an impact assessment study of the environmental effects of the construction and operation of Magnetic Quay. In the table of contents, page numbers for figures and tables indicate the page immediately preceding the figure or table of interest.