

**A USER-BASED EVALUATION OF THE ZONING PLAN
AND DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT IN THE
CAPRICORNIA SECTION OF
THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK**

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SUMMARY

This is the final summary report resulting from the project 'User-based evaluation of the zoning plan and day-to-day management in the Capricornia Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park'.

The Authority has actively sought public evaluation of its performance and has been rewarded by both a favourable judgement and valuable information on how its performance could be even further improved.

The overall public response to the Zoning Plan and day-to-day management is positive. At the same time, users have raised a number of issues that are to be addressed both in the forthcoming review of the Capricornia Section Zoning Plan and in the development of guidelines and policies for day-to-day management.

This research project was also undertaken as a pilot exercise to develop and test evaluation procedures for marine park planning. The methodology that has been developed has proven to be a useful model for further evaluation exercises.

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