

## Consultation Process – Wet Tropics Plan Review

### Phase 1 consultation

The Authority is required by law to run two formal phases of public notification and consultation for the review of the Plan. In December 2004, the Authority commenced the first phase of public consultation inviting comment on changes to the Plan being considered by the Authority. The Authority prepare an information booklet to explain why these changes were being considered. Planning staff provided information sessions to key stakeholder groups and on request. Submissions were received up to the end of April 2005.

In response to that invitation, the Authority received 84 submissions. The Authority has since considered all these submissions and used them to further inform and guide the Plan review process and the preparation of the draft Amendment Plan.

### Pre-phase 2

Following receipt of phase 1 submissions, the Authority undertook further consultation with key stakeholders who raised particular issues in there submissions or sort further follow up consultation. This follow up consultation has also been considered in preparation of the draft Amendment Plan. Examples of stakeholders engaged in this follow-up consultation are provided at **Table 1**.

**Table 1**

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| Pre-Phase 2 consultation undertaken with key stakeholders:  |
| Wet Tropics Management Authority advisory committees and liaison groups (Community Consultative Committee, Rainforest Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Scientific Advisory Committee, Conservation Sector Liaison Group, Tourism Industry Liaison Group). |
| Rainforest Aboriginal people via the Aboriginal Rainforest Council and local Aboriginal community meetings  |
| Local governments (Cook SC, Tablelands RC, Cassowary RC, Cairns RC, Yarrabah and Wujal Wujal Shire Councils, FNQROC) especially regarding community services infrastructure and proposed amendments to zoning rules, zoning maps and road classes       |
| Environment Protection Agency regarding infrastructure, road classes and compliance matters associated with protected areas e.g. national parks   |
| Department of Natural Resource and Water regarding cattle grazing   |
| Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries regarding fish stocking and pine plantations   |
| Department of Main Roads, Powerlink, Ergon and Stanwell regarding community services infrastructure   |
| Department of Mines and Energy regarding mining   |

**Phase 2**

The second and final phase of public consultation commenced on 7 February 2009 and will run until 27 March 2009. In preparing for Phase 2, the Authority prepared a Plan Review Information Booklet 2009 that identifies some of the more significant proposed changes to the Plan. More detailed information is available on the Authority's website. Information sessions will be provided to key stakeholder groups.

Subject to consideration of all submissions received during this second and final public consultation phase, a final Amendment Plan will be prepared and given to the Wet Tropics Ministerial Council together with a report on all the submissions so received. Subject to the Ministerial Council's recommendation, the Amendment Plan will then be submitted to Queensland's Governor in Council for approval.