

December 2008 / January 2009
A snapshot of the year that was

Mock environment awards

Ian Herbert, the President of CCC has awarded Anna Bligh and Tower Holdings mock un-environment awards for their bad decision making regarding Lot 21 on GKI and Waratah Coal's proposed coal port facility during 2008.



Fitzroy Water Resource Plan

Review—CCC took its place on the Community Reference Panel in 2008 and looks forward to future input particularly the inclusion of water quality targets in all water quantity management in CQ.



Nathan Dam

CCC also submitted comments on the Nathan Dam Terms of Reference ahead of the Environment Impact Statement. This dam is controversial because there is still an inadequate business plan for the water and because water from Coal Seam Gas will shortly come online for use in the mining and agricultural industries. CCC have serious concerns that the water from the dam will be inaccessible for irrigators and too expensive and will provide opportunity for wholesale mining development at the expense of prime farming land. The impoundment of the river will also have downstream consequences on the Fitzroy river and therefore on the natural flood



Further dewatering into the Fitzroy by Ensham and other mines

CCC has been actively collaborating with concerned members of community, Agforce and Government Agencies in light of the emerging water quality problems attributed to the 2008 flood dewatering operations of Ensham and Goonyella Mines. The current dewatering flies in the face of public sentiment and is contrary to the precautionary principle ahead of the cumulative impact study.



Byfield area draft management plan

Comments for the draft management plan for the Byfield area are due on 31 January 2009. If you want to have your say on the management plan please send these parkplan@epa.qld.gov.au or mail to Project Manager, Byfield Area Management Plan, EPA, PO Box 3130, Redhill, Rockhampton, 4701



Isaac Connors Community Reference Panel

—CCC were represented on this panel by Nigel Barrett from Queensland Conservation Council.



Emu Park Industrial Development

CCC wrote to the Rockhampton Regional Council and the DPI&F regarding a proposed industrial development at Emu Park because of issues with noise, pollution and its proximity adjacent to a fish habitat area.



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Coral Policy Review

CCC submitted comments to the DPI&F on the coral policy review stating that there needs to be more consideration for localised depletion of targeted and vulnerable corals and anemones especially in sensitive tourist areas such as the Keppels.

GKI Lot 21

CCC submitted comments on the future use of land on Lot 21 on GKI. CCC consider that in light of the World Heritage values of the land and its proximity to the reefs that this area of land should be gazetted National Park. Any development of the land would have serious environmental consequences. We continue to monitor the

Shoalwater Bay Proposed Coal Port facility

CCC wrote to the State Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure stating that a coal port facility would be environmentally detrimental to the area. Although we consider this issue is not yet closed, Peter Garrett found that the proposed coal port was clearly unacceptable when considered against the EPBC Act.

Callide Groundwater Amendment

CCC participated in the Community Reference Panel for this process. The review of the management of groundwater has now been included in the Fitzroy Water Resource Plan Review. CCC are keen to see groundwater resources included in any management plans.

No anchor zones for the Keppels

CCC were instrumental in the Resilience workshop where GBRMPA chose four sites around the Keppels for a pilot study of no anchor zones to increase reef resilience.

Technical Working Group on Fitzroy Water Quality

CCC have a position on the TWG and have been instrumental in updating the public via their website and through media on the workings of this group. In addition, CCC have been able to ensure that the cumulative impacts of mine and other industry dewatering is considered in the cumulative impact study. We are waiting on the results of this study before taking further action on the issue of water quality and water releases.

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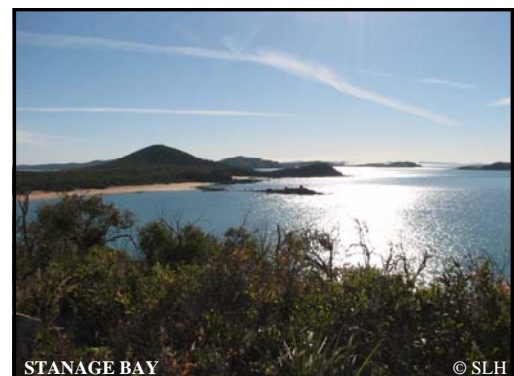
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