1. On 27 November 2019, the Federal Court of Australia made a native title consent determination recognising the Quandamooka Peoples’ native title rights on Moreton Island (Mulgumpin). As part of the consent determination process, the State of Queensland and the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC), the representatives of the Quandamooka People, agreed to work towards the joint management of protected areas on Moreton Island, similar to existing joint management arrangements between the State and QYAC on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).
2. To achieve this outcome, amendments are required to the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (ALA); the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA) and the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* (RAMA) to:
* give prescribed protected areas on Moreton Island the status of transferable land under the ALA so they may be granted as Aboriginal land;
* provide that the Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) prepared for the joint management of prescribed protected areas on Moreton Island is recognised under the ALA to facilitate the declaration of an Indigenous Joint Management Area (IJMA) under the NCA;
* provide for the declaration of an IJMA over prescribed protected areas on Moreton Island to deliver joint management arrangements with QYAC consistent with commitments in the ILUA; and
* ensure consultation and other requirements, as specified in the IMA, are met before certain permits and authorities are granted under the RAMA.
1. Additional amendments not directly associated with the consent determination have also been identified to:
* clarify the relationship between several sections of the NCA that relate to the grant of a lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority over State land protected areas, IJMAs, national parks (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) and special wildlife reserves;
* clarify the preservation of certain existing interests on land granted as Aboriginal land under the ALA; and
* mirror amendments that provide clarity around the operation of the ALA as it relates to the continuation of certain interests on Aboriginal land in the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* for consistency in these pieces of legislation.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (Indigenous Joint Management – Moreton Island) Amendment Bill 2020 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (Indigenous Joint Management – Moreton Island) Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/HRSoC.PDF)