1. The Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 (Management Plan) regulates activities inside the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area which have the potential to impact on the Area’s world heritage values and integrity. It is a key instrument in meeting Australia’s international obligations under the World Heritage Convention to protect and manage the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area.
2. The Wet Tropics (Review) Amendment Management Plan 2020 (Amendment Management Plan) makes a number of changes which are an outcome of the Wet Tropics Management Authority’s (the Authority) 10-yearly review of the operation of the Management Plan. The review is a requirement of the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993*.
3. The review of the Management Plan involved two formal phases of public notification and community consultation and extensive informal consultation.
4. The Amendment Management Plan:
* reduces the number of zones from four to three to reduce complexity and to more accurately reflect the management purpose, nature and use for each zone;
* increases flexibility for the location of visitor facilities;
* introduces the consideration of Aboriginal Tradition in all permit assessments;
* provides clearer considerations for cooperative management agreements (CMA);
* allows State Government (in addition to local government) to rezone for essential community services infrastructure in zone B;
* creates consistency in assessing the construction of all community services infrastructure;
* removes the requirement to permit the operation of motor vehicles on certain roads, and causing the classification of roads to be consistent with State and local government; and
* enacts a provision under the Act to regulate certain types of subdivision within the Area. This new permit is introduced to manage the impacts of potential development of existing and new freehold lands within the Area.
1. Cabinet endorsed that the Wet Tropics (Review) Amendment Management Plan 2020 be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
2. Cabinet noted the amended zoning map be progressed to the Governor in Council for approval.
3. Cabinet approved the public release of the Phase Two Consultation Report.
4. *Attachments*
* [Wet Tropics (Review) Amendment Management Plan 2020](Attachments/Plan.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Certificate](Attachments/HRC.PDF)
* [Amended Zoning map](Attachments/Map.pdf)
* [Phase Two Consultation Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)