1. The Great Sandy Marine Park (GSMP) is a multiple use marine protected area that provides for a variety of recreational, commercial and tourism activities in addition to its primary purpose of conserving the marine environment. It contains a diverse range of natural and cultural values such as mangrove communities, some of the world’s most southerly coastal fringing coral reefs, and species of international and national conservation significance such as shorebirds, grey nurse sharks, turtles and dugongs.
2. The management and use of the GSMP is guided by the Marine Parks (Great Sandy) Zoning Plan 2017 (zoning plan) which is subordinate legislation under the *Marine Parks Act 2004*.
3. The zoning plan is undergoing its first comprehensive review since it was declared in 2006 to ensure a more contemporary management approach to the GSMP that is based on available science, best practice marine protected area management and input from First Nations peoples and the broader community.
4. The draft zoning plan developed by the Queensland Government aims to achieve significant conservation outcomes while providing the opportunity to boost the local economy and employment opportunities through increased nature-based tourism, recreational fishing and associated commercial activity.
5. A Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared to seek community views on the draft zoning plan.
6. Cabinet approved the release of the Great Sandy Marine Park Draft Zoning Plan Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement for public consultation.
7. Cabinet approved the release of the Summary of Key Proposed Changes public communication document.
8. *Attachments*:
* [Great Sandy Marine Park Draft Zoning Plan Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.PDF)
* [Summary of Key Proposed Changes communication document](Attachments/Summary.PDF)