



# Insert to the 2005 Cairns Area Plan of Management Amendments

This insert provides a summary of the amendments to the *Cairns Area Plan of Management 1998 (including Amendment No. 1 2005)* (the Plan) that came into force on 16 November 2005.

The amendments were:

- a revision of access limitations for the new 365-day permissions;
- clarification of the allocation mechanism for limited moorings permissions; and
- editorial and technical corrections.

Consultation on the amendments was conducted in June and July and all submissions received were considered in the preparation of the amended Plan.

Further information can be accessed through the GBRMPA website ([www.gbrmpa.gov.au](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au)) or by contacting (07) 4750 0700.

## Revision of access limitations for the new 365-day permissions

Through the Plan, the GBRMPA intends to grant up to 20 new permissions for Regional Tour Operations. These Regional Tour Operations permissions had all year access to the Planning Area, but with no more than 2 visits to any 1 Location in any 7 consecutive days. Concerns were raised by the tourism industry regarding this “2 in 7” clause, as this was an additional restriction that was not in line with equivalent Regional Tour Operations as outlined in the Plan.

The amended Plan has removed this “2 in 7” restriction and a new Regional Tour Operation permission will grant all-year access to the Planning Area without a booking, but they must comply with booking requirements and limits that apply to Sensitive Locations.

## Clarification of the process for allocating limited mooring permissions

The process for allocating mooring permissions in the Plan has been a preferential system. Under this system, applicants for moorings were required to “give up” access rights to certain locations in preference for a mooring. Where applications were considered equal, under this approach, the final mooring allocation was decided by ballot.

To enable a more certain and equitable outcome, this preferential system has been replaced with an Expression of Interest process.

## Technical amendments

A number of technical and editorial amendments were made to the Plan due to the implementation of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003* and associated Regulations.

