

Frequently asked questions: K'gari (Fraser Island) waste management strategy

What will the K'gari (Fraser Island) Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy (the Strategy) cover?

In a holistic approach, the Strategy will address all waste streams generated on K'gari from residents, visitors and commercial operators. It will assess current practices and explore opportunities for increased resource recovery and sustainable waste management.

How often will it be reviewed?

The Strategy actions will be reviewed annually and integrated into yearly service delivery plans.

A comprehensive review of the strategy will be carried out at the halfway milestone in 2024 to ensure ongoing alignment with the Fraser Coast Waste Strategy and National and State Strategies.

What are the current waste services on K'gari?

FCRC manages three (3) waste transfer facilities on K'gari (Fraser Island), located at Eurong, Happy Valley and Orchid Beach. All three (3) sites are currently accessible by the public 24/7. The sites are fenced to minimize the spread of rubbish and prevent dingos from entering the facilities. General waste is disposed of in bulk bins at the facilities, and there are designated areas for bulky items, steel and green waste. Regulated waste items such as tyres, liquid wastes and hazardous wastes are not accepted at the sites.

These sites are regularly serviced by a contractor who transports the waste back to the mainland for processing/disposal.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has general waste bulk bin compounds that are distributed throughout the national parks and beaches to cater for visitors to the island. There are approximately 45 bins located throughout the parks zoned areas on K'gari (Fraser Island). These bins are also serviced by a contractor with waste transported back to the mainland.

Who are the identified stakeholders?

During the development of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, the following stakeholders were identified:

- Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation (BAC)
- Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC)
- Commonwealth Government – Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (Australian Heritage Grants funding body)
- Commonwealth Government – Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment
- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS) of DES
- Department of Environment & Science (DES)
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES)
- Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME)
- Department of Education
- Gympie Regional Council
- Tourism Operators

- Barge Operators
- Visitors/Tourists
- Ratepayers
- Residents
- Commercial and Industrial Businesses
- World Heritage Committee
- Local Environment Groups
- Local Recreational Groups

What is the time frame for the development of the strategy?



Will there be Recycling on K’gari (Fraser Island)?

Increasing resource recovery on K’gari is a key concern, with investigations being conducted to ascertain the most sustainable and suitable recycling practices to service the needs of users on the Island.

How long does the survey take to complete?

The survey is designed to be quick and simple and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. The survey is a mixture of multiple-choice questions and options to provide feedback/comment. The survey comprises seven key focus areas that each have a suite of questions tailored to review the community’s appetite, wants and needs in relation to these topics.

What if I don’t have internet access?

Council staff will be present at the Fraser Island barges at River Heads and Inskip Point on 15-16 December and will have hard copy surveys for members of the community to complete if this is their preference. Hard copies of the survey will also be available at our Customer Service Centres and Community Libraries. Customers are able to take these hard copies and return during the consultation period specified. Please note that surveys returned after the consultation period (25 January 2022) will not be accepted.