

Theme 5: K’gari (Fraser Island) Waste Management

Background

- K’Gari (Fraser Island) is the world’s largest sand island and the traditional land of the Butchulla people, who have co-existed with the land by practicing three lore’s; what is good for the land comes first; do not take or touch anything that does not belong to you; and if you have plenty, you must share.
- K’Gari is now shared with a range of users and stakeholders; Butchulla, Council, Queensland National Parks, residents, domestic and international tourists largely participating in 4WD and camping.
- In 2017, over 3,894,545⁴ visitors accessed K’gari.
- Council will conduct a trial at Eurong transfer station to assess staffing levels, infrastructure and work practices that are applicable to Happy Valley and Orchid Beach.
- By 2024, Council will have upgraded transfer stations at Eurong, Happy Valley and Orchid Beach.

Strategy Actions

5.1 Fraser Island Vision

Develop a vision statement for waste management on Fraser Island guided by Butchella First Lore, “What is good for the land must come first.”

5.2 Waste transfer station upgrades

- Eurong transfer station to be used as “trial site” for 12-months to improve infrastructure, restrict access and increase staffing levels to improve resource recovery and recycling.
- Council, Queensland National Parks and other stakeholders to review trial outcomes and adopt outcomes to Orchid Beach and Happy Valley.
- Consider manning Orchid Beach and Happy Valley during “peak periods.”

5.3 Improved recycling service

- Investigate recycling service for residents and commercial business that enable recyclables and organics to be stored and/or processed at Council waste transfer facilities.
- Consultation with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services to implement recycling approach for campers.
- Consultation with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services for “eco-accreditation” funds to be paid to or used by Council for waste management purposes.

⁴ <https://economy.id.com.au/fraser-coast/tourism-visitor-summary>



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5.4 Waste education

Invest in improved signage and education material to support resource recovery and recycling on Fraser Island, particularly targeting international and domestic campers.

5.5 Waste collection contract renewal

Issue the Fraser Island Waste Contract tender to market for waste collection and other resource recovery initiatives by 2024.

For a full list of proposed actions included in Theme 4: Operational Efficiency of the Fraser Coast Waste Strategy 2019 - 2029 please refer to page 26.



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