

What is the GKI Revitalisation Plan

The GKI Revitalisation Plan is a proposal for the redevelopment of tourism facilities on Great Keppel Island. The Plan proposes to create a low rise, eco-tourism resort on the Island, predominately located over land previously disturbed by long-term grazing and over the site of the former resort.

The Plan has notable economic benefits for the Central Queensland region, Queensland and Australia. This includes the \$592 million it would inject into the local economy, plus flow on effects, during construction. An additional \$82 million in tourism expenditure each year has been forecast.

What is proposed

A range of low rise, eco-tourism accommodation options incorporating sustainable building design, rooftop solar panels and water tanks.

Accommodation to include a new resort at Fisherman's Beach (site of the former resort) with 250 rooms and day spa, 750 low rise eco-villas, 300 low rise eco-apartments.

An upgraded airstrip.

Restoration of Leeke's Homestead.

Establishment of buffer zones to ensure protection of habitats and provide fauna corridors as well as 545 hectares of environmental protection areas.

Preservation of Indigenous sites of significance on the Island.

Establishment of constructed wetlands and a Water Management Plan to capture and recycle treated wastewaters and golf course run-off.

All-weather safe-access marine facility comprising a 250 berth public marina with ferry terminal, yacht club, emergency services, retail village and Research Centre.

Associated service facilities and utilities (waste collection area, fire-fighting and emergency services hub, fuel, solar, wastewater treatment plant etc).

18-hole golf course and golf club integrated with essential habitats and ecological corridors, located on the site of the original sheep farm.

Re-opening of the Middle Island Underwater Observatory.

GKI Revitalisation Plan Vision Statement

"The vision for the GKI Revitalisation Plan is to create much more than a tourist destination. The GKI Revitalisation Plan aims to make Great Keppel Island the 'greenest' and most talked about environmentally responsible destination in the country. A leader in global environmental tourism. We want all visitors to GKI to see what is possible, to live what is possible and to take our ideas and practices home with them."

GKI Resort Pty Ltd





Great Keppel Island

Great Keppel Island is one of 28 islands in the Great Barrier Reef that has formerly had a purpose-built tourism resort. It is one of the most accessible of the over 900 Great Barrier Reef islands and coral cays.

As a previously developed site it presents a unique opportunity for revitalisation, as recognised in the State Government's *Central Queensland Tourism Opportunity Plan 2009*.

The Island is home to a small number of residents (permanent and vacation based) and tourism business operators. Revitalisation of the Island will bring significant benefits to these residents through infrastructure improvements, increased accessibility, business and employment opportunity and community facilities.

The Island, including its walking tracks, beaches and resort facilities will remain accessible to the public.

Who is GKI Resort Pty Limited

GKI Resort Pty Ltd is the name of the subsidiary company established by Tower Holdings to manage the Great Keppel Island (GKI) Revitalisation Plan.

All activities undertaken during the EIS and if approved, for the development, will be undertaken by GKI Resort Pty Ltd.

Who will design the Resort

The GKI Revitalisation Plan has been designed by WATG, one of the world's leading design firms for the hospitality, leisure and entertainment industries. These architects have an international reputation for environmentally sensitive planning, architecture and design. A key benefit to WATG's design ethos is their attention and sensitivity to the influences of local culture, natural resources, local communities and the spirit of the location.

WATG's GKI Revitalisation Plan design will retain the regional community improvements previously committed to by the proponent.

How will the proposal be approved

The GKI Revitalisation Plan has been recognised as a "significant project" by the Queensland Coordinator-General under *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*. The Plan was declared a "controlled action" under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999* in mid-2010 by the then Federal Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (currently Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Community).

Under these arrangements a comprehensive and rigorous Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process must be undertaken to identify the current attributes on and surrounding the Island, and study the potential for environmental, social and cultural heritage impacts from the proposal. The EIS documentation must then nominate mitigation measures to avoid, minimise or offset these impacts.

Who will coordinate the EIS

The EIS is coordinated by local Central Queensland firm CQ Consulting Group. CQ Consulting Group is managing a team of highly qualified specialists to conduct a variety of scientific studies and assessments. CQ Consulting Group and ImpaxSIA will be running a comprehensive Community Consultation program for the project. The output of this work will be the EIS documentation to be submitted to the Local, State and Federal governments for assessment and released to the public for comment.

Find out more

You can also learn more about the approval process, the environmental studies that will take place, how and when to participate in community consultation and contribute to the EIS assessment process by visiting CQ Consulting Group's website at: www.cqenviro.com.au

CONTACT US

1800 755 415

gkieis@cqenviro.com.au

www.cqenviro.com.au (EIS Information)

www.gkiresort.com.au (Project Information)

DISCLAIMER

The information in this publication is distributed by GKI Resort Pty Ltd as an information source only. The information is provided solely on the basis that readers will be responsible for making their own assessment of the matters discussed herein and are advised to verify all relevant representations, statements and information.

© GKI Resort Pty Ltd February 2011 v1.1