



Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation - ICN 7564
100 East Coast Rd, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island

State Election 2017

Policy Questions to the Political Parties



“Sydney has its harbour. Brisbane has Quandamooka Country.”



Please respond by 5.00pm Monday, 20 November 2017
And return to Mr Cameron Costello, CEO at ceo@qyac.net.au

Who we are: The Quandamooka People

- “Quandamooka” is a word from the Jandai language used to describe Moreton Bay and the islands within it. Therefore, the Quandamooka People are the people of Moreton Bay.
- Quandamooka is the ancestral homeland of the Nunukul, Ngugi and Goenpul peoples, the sub-groups that make up the Quandamooka People.
- The Quandamooka People are the traditional owners of Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) who have owned and occupied the lands and waters of Moreton Bay since time immemorial.

Quandamooka Country

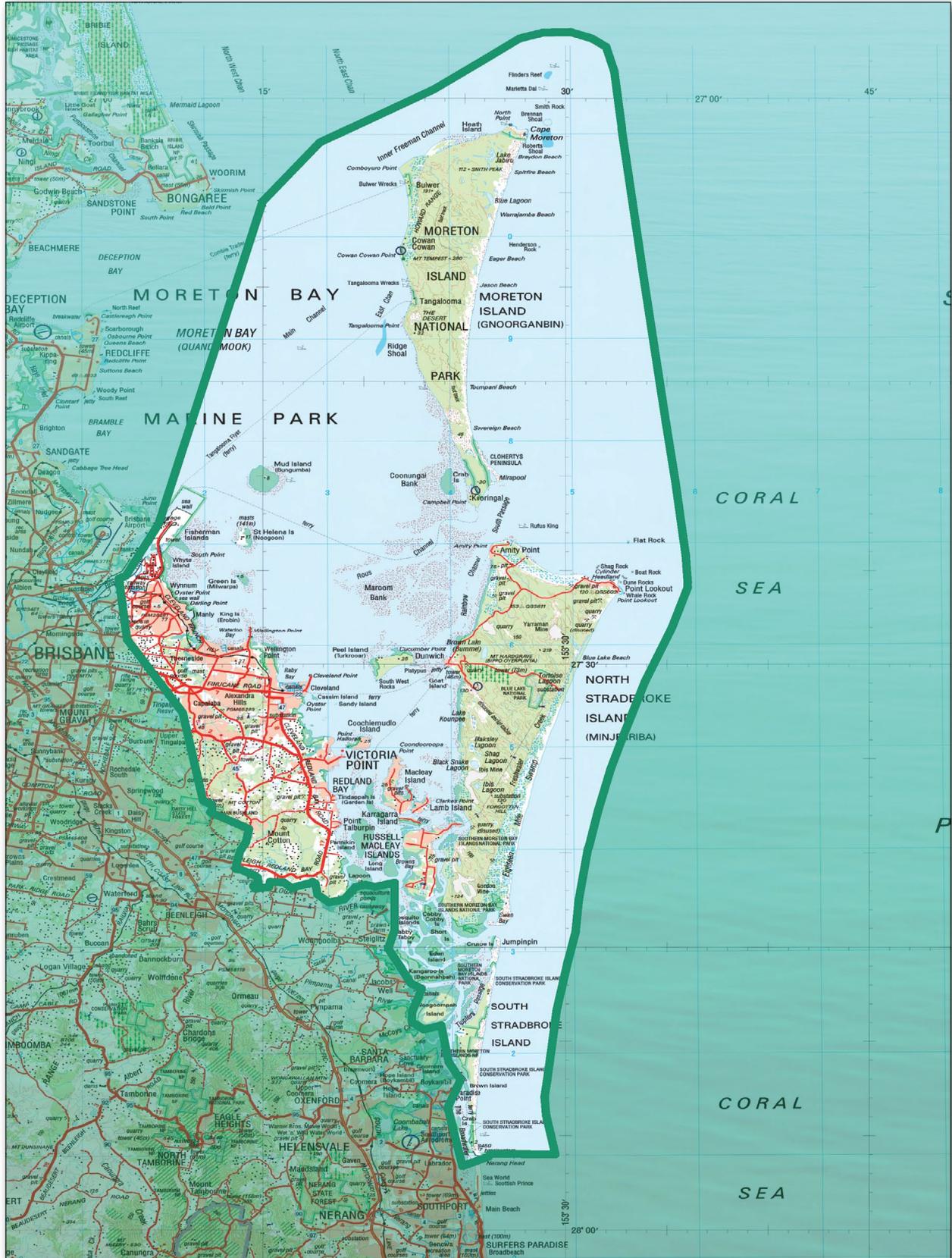
The Quandamooka territory (see map page 3), known as “Country”, comprises the waters and lands of and around Mulgumpin (Moreton Island), Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), the southern Moreton Bay islands and South Stradbroke Island. It includes the mainland from the mouth of the Brisbane River, Wynnum, Chandler, Lytton, Belmont, Tingalpa, south to Cleveland and the Logan River. Parts of Quandamooka “Country” exist in four Queensland local government areas – the Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council, Logan City Council and Gold Coast City Council.

QYAC

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC), is a prescribed body corporate registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*. It was established to manage the native title rights and interests for the benefit of the Quandamooka People. Yoolooburrabee means ‘people of the sand and sea’.



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Executive summary

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1. Native title and cultural heritage finalisation

Will your party commit to cooperatively resolving in good faith with QYAC all outstanding native title and cultural heritage issues on Quandamooka Country, including Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) and the Quandamooka Coast?

2. Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) Indigenous economic development & eco-tourism

Will your party support replicating the cultural, employment and economic success of national park joint management on Minjerribah by extending Minjerribah’s (North Stradbroke Island) national park indigenous management arrangements to the Moreton Island National Park in 2018, with a budget commitment of \$1.8 million per annum?

3. One Mile settlement - Future planning

Will your party commit to working with QYAC to support the One Mile Planning and commit at least \$20 million over the next three years to deliver basic infrastructure such as power, sanitation, water, drainage, roads at and to the One Mile settlement?

4. Water management on Quandamooka Country

- a. Will your party commit to including QYAC into all salt and fresh water management processes and companies operating on Quandamooka Country and accessing Quandamooka water resources – such as SEQ Water and Moreton Bay Marine Park - so it can ensure traditional owners are involved in planning, management and day-to-day operations of the Quandamooka People’s water assets.
- b. Will your party agree to implement a Quandamooka Strategic Water Reserve on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) to ensure that traditional owners can again sustainably access their water to give effect to the native title rights and interests recognised on 4 July 2011?

5. Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) Economic Transition Strategy

a. Current ETS funding and projects

Will your party commit to:

- i) maintaining the current Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) economic transition strategy funding and projects;
- ii) allocating Stage II funding to complete identified Stage I projects, once they have completed the evaluation and planning stage; and
- iii) ensuring that no re-planning, including rezoning and waterfront development, is made for Goompi (Dunwich) without the express agreement of QYAC, as the agency for the Quandamooka People?

b. Minjerribah Camping business expansion

As part of the next phase of the economic transition of Quandamooka Country, will your party support the expansion of Minjerribah Camping to deliver camping services and 4WD permits on other national parks across Quandamooka Country, including Peel Island and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island)?

c. Minjerribah Cultural Centre funding

Will your party commit to provide an additional \$5 million funding for the construction phase of this important and iconic Queensland cultural heritage facility?

6. World Heritage listing

Will your party commit to provide \$100,000 in 2018 for QYAC to prepare a final report for the State to consider making a recommendation to the Federal Government to include Quandamooka World Heritage on the Australian Tentative List?



Introduction

State Election 2017 is an excellent opportunity to showcase how the Quandamooka People are successfully and sensitively managing their Quandamooka Country (the Moreton Bay region), and its enormous potential for Queensland. With the Quandamooka People's native title rights on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), acknowledged by the Federal Court on 4 July 2011, and rightfully restored during the last parliament, it is the first State election for some time that allows us to fully focus on this magnificent region's cultural, economic and environmental potential.

It is also the first election since the release of the Queensland Government's visionary legislation and policies:

- ***Planning Act 2016;***
- ***ShapingSEQ: South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017;***
- ***Moving Ahead: A strategic approach to increasing the participation of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland's economy 2016-2022;***
- ***Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2016-2020; and***
- ***North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy.***

All of these commit to actively engage with the Quandamooka People as traditional owners, and their native title rights and cultural heritage, as we build a brighter south east Queensland.

QYAC's vision is for Quandamooka Country to be a global eco-cultural tourism destination, where the Quandamooka People sensitively showcase the region's natural beauty and their timeless cultural heritage.

The Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) economic transition strategy is underway and planning for various new businesses and projects is well advanced. Some of these include:

- Minjerribah Camping – owned by the Quandamooka People and enjoying beautiful upgrades and strong growth;
- Quandamooka joint management of Naree Budjong Djara National Park, and expansion of the Land and Sea Ranger Program, which provides training and employment for nearly 30 Quandamooka rangers;
- the Indigenous Business Development Fund, which has started seeding new economic and employment ventures for the Quandamooka People and the Moreton Bay region; and
- a new Quandamooka river-island cultural cruise business.

This activity is also supporting the wider Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) economy.

We are also working to finalise consent native title determinations for both the Quandamooka Coast and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island). A traditional owner led World Heritage listing of existing marine park, national park and conservation park areas of the region is also an objective that should be progressed in 2018.

Progress since the last State election

In January 2015 QYAC, on behalf of the Quandamooka People, sought and gained election commitments for a number of employment, housing and economic initiatives on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

The Queensland Government, with the support of the Queensland Parliament, has delivered on those promises and, through that, we now have:

- proper planning for the One Mile residential area near Dunwich, but we still need the funding commitment to deliver basic infrastructure such as power, sanitation, water, drainage and roads at and to One Mile;
- secure employment for six Quandamooka Aboriginal rangers working on Country at Naree Budjong Djarra (due to committed funding each year), and we would love to have the same opportunities at Mulgumpin (Moreton Island); and
- economic transition investment in eco-cultural tourism products and opportunities such as glamping, eco-tents and cultural boat tours from Brisbane, as part of a strategy to transform the region into a world-class eco-cultural tourism destination.

The above investment is culturally appropriate, structural and sustainable and will create additional socio-economic benefits for Quandamooka People and the local Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and south east Queensland economies. It will reduce the economic costs in other key government service areas. It is a prime example of a virtuous economic spiral.

QYAC has value added to the above outcomes by seeking concurrent funding from programs administered by Queensland's Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) and the Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy. We now have 10 young Quandamooka rangers who have achieved their Certificate III in Aboriginal Land Management and Conservation Land Management. We now have 28 Quandamooka People employed in ranger activities on Quandamooka Country.

So, by supporting QYAC's engagement, the local economy has benefited with an additional \$6 million and our community has nearly 30 ranger jobs created already. The multiplier effect is approximately 2.93 in our local economy or \$17.58 million over three years.

This is just one example of what can be achieved together.

An investment with QYAC supports the:

- south east Queensland economy;
- Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) economy through its transition;
- Quandamooka economy; and
- national **Closing the Gap** objectives.



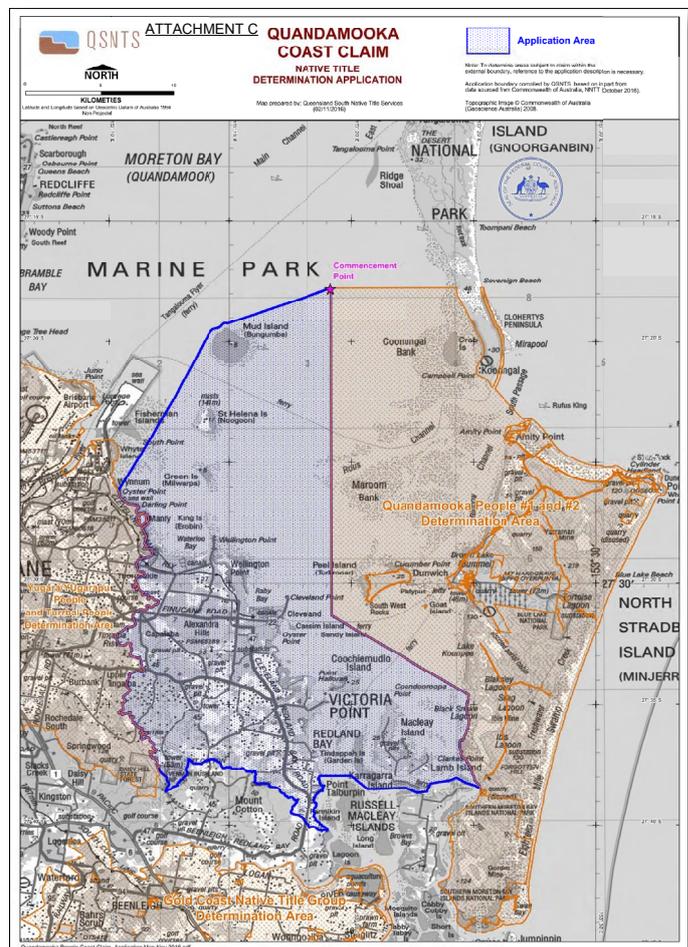
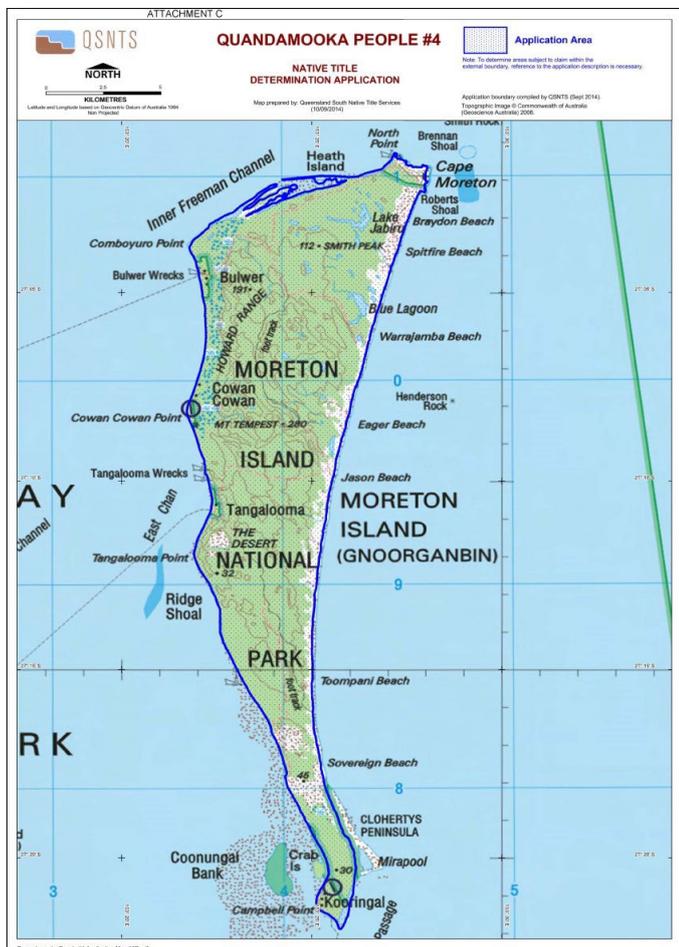
Election 2017: Your commitment

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1. Native title and cultural heritage finalisation

ShapingSEQ states that current and future native title determinations provide the opportunity for the Queensland Government to work with traditional owners to maintain and enhance the health of SEQ land and sea Country. Having successfully resolved the majority of native title issues on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), QYAC as the Native Title Prescribed Body Corporate is enthusiastic to resolve outstanding native title and cultural heritage matters on Quandamooka Country.

Will your party commit to cooperatively resolving in good faith with QYAC all outstanding native title and cultural heritage issues on Quandamooka Country, including Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) and Quandamooka Coast?



2. Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) Indigenous economic development & ecotourism

A positive and exciting future for the Moreton Bay region is emerging from the 2011 native title consent determination over Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and surrounds. A key aspect of that determination is the significant cultural, environmental, economic and employment gains being achieved through the QYAC and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services joint management arrangement of the Naree Budjong Djara (My Mother Earth) National Park. Joint management has delivered:

- important employment of Quandamooka rangers and a clear career path for Quandamooka community rangers;
- graduation of 12 Quandamooka Aboriginal rangers in Certificate III Conservation and Land Management;
- Aboriginal ownership and leadership in decision making; and
- appreciation of Naree Budjong Djara as an ancient cultural landscape with the identification and protection of over 50 new cultural heritage sites.

There is a fantastic opportunity to continue the momentum of joint management and further enhance Aboriginal social, cultural, and economic development on Mulgumpin (Moreton Island).

Will your party support replicating the cultural, employment and economic success of national park joint management on Minjerribah by extending Minjerribah's (North Stradbroke Island) national park indigenous management arrangements to the Moreton Island National Park in 2018, with a budget commitment of \$1.8 million per annum?



3. One Mile infrastructure planning

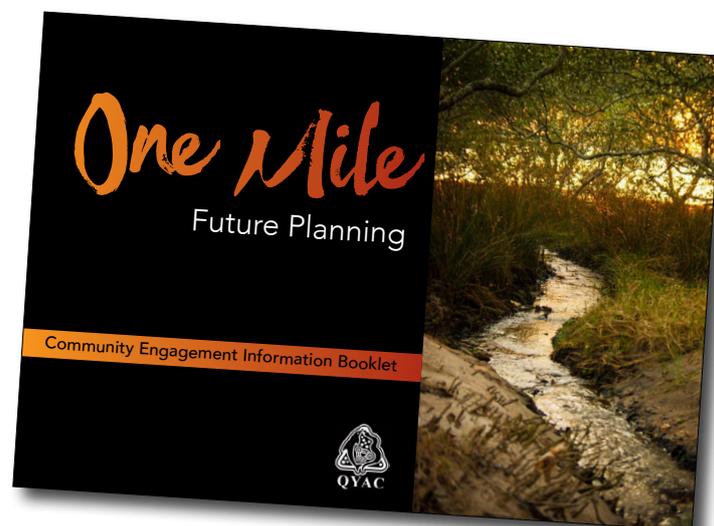
Many Quandamooka families reside at a settlement known as the One Mile, just north of Goompi (Dunwich) on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). Since the establishment of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum in 1866, together with the closure of the Myora Mission in the 1940s, Minjerribah's (North Stradbroke Island) traditional owners were forced to live at One Mile and be a source of cheap labour. The traditional owners were not allowed to live in Goompi (Dunwich) township. They lived out of town and were encouraged to work at the Benevolent Asylum, which was dependent upon cheap local Aboriginal labour.

In the 1950s and 1960s when septic, electricity and water were supplied to other townships on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), the Aboriginal settlement of One Mile was excluded. For a long period from the mid-1940s to 1964, the Office of Director of Native Affairs, the Land Administration Board/Commission, the Department of Lands and the Department of Public works considered various proposals from Quandamooka people to improve tenure and conditions and even constructed dwellings at One Mile. However, they declined to install basic public infrastructure, including clean water, sewage, roads, storm water drainage and electricity.

The area is crown land subject to the Federal Court's native title determination of 4 July 2011. As promised in the last election, the State Government has in the last three years resourced QYAC to work with the State and Redland City Council to redress the historical injustices of the One Mile residential area. We still need the funding commitment for QYAC to deliver basic infrastructure such as power, water, sanitation, drainage, and roads at One Mile. On 26 June 2016, the QYAC Elders in Council passed the following resolution:

"Acknowledging the history of One Mile, and the efforts of our Ancestors and Elders, QYAC is supported and encouraged to continue its commitment to ensuring that once more One Mile becomes a safe, healthy, affordable place to bring up future generations of Quandamooka People with infrastructure and dwellings that are ecologically sustainable."

Will your party commit to working with QYAC to support the One Mile Planning and commit at least \$20 million over the next three years to deliver basic infrastructure such as power, sanitation, water, drainage, roads at and to the One Mile settlement?



4. Water management on Quandamooka Country

The Quandamooka People are Yoolooburrabee - the 'people of the sand and sea'. We are salt water Gooris and the waters of Moreton Bay and the adjacent ocean are an integral part of our Country, our social and economic aspirations, and our spiritual identity. The fresh water sources on our islands are also part of our Dreaming, and are essential for our social, cultural and economic development. QYAC needs tenure security to enable it to achieve these aspirations.

Currently, and despite native title rights over water sources, QYAC is excluded from any sea or freshwater water management processes and entities operating on Quandamooka Country. This is unjust and also out of step with the Indigenous engagement principles in the *Planning Act 2016* and *ShapingSEQ*.

Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) is renowned for its plentiful and pristine reserves of fresh water, much of which is on Quandamooka land. This water plays a vital role in sustaining the island's many unique natural and cultural assets. It has sustained the island's traditional owners, the Quandamooka People, for millennia.

It also now provides back-up fresh water into the south east Queensland water grid.

- a. **Will your party commit to incorporating QYAC into all salt and fresh water management processes and companies operating on Quandamooka Country and accessing Quandamooka water resources – such as SEQ Water and Moreton Bay Marine Park - so it can ensure traditional owners are involved in planning, management and day-to-day operations of the Quandamooka People's water assets.**
- b. **Will your party agree to implement a Quandamooka Strategic Water Reserve on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) to ensure that traditional owners can again sustainably access their water to give effect to the native title rights and interests recognised on 4 July 2011?**



5. Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) economic transition strategy

a. Current funding and projects

The Queensland Government has done a good and comprehensive job in stimulating Minjerribah's (North Stradbroke Island) economic transition, through the investment of \$20 million in the identification and evaluation of new business opportunities and economic infrastructure, especially eco-cultural tourism infrastructure. The planning and evaluation of various identified projects is well underway and final scope and cost is starting to become more apparent. This work must continue.

It would clearly be inappropriate to expend resources on the evaluation and planning of new economic projects and infrastructure if there is then no funding to actually complete the projects.

Will your party commit to:

1. maintaining the current \$20 million allocated to the Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) Economic Transition Strategy funding and projects;
2. allocating further Stage II funding to complete identified Stage I projects; and
3. ensuring that no re-planning, including rezoning and waterfront development, is made for Goompi (Dunwich) without the express agreement of QYAC, as the agency for the Quandamooka People?



b. Minjerribah Camping business

Minjerribah Camping (formerly Straddie Camping) is an excellent example of emerging Quandamooka business activity, which will help Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) transition to industries that are more suitable to the island's cultural heritage and environmental strengths. It is also specifically identified in the Queensland Government's *North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy* and *Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2016-2020* as a key business for advancing tourism in the State.

The QYAC-owned company currently operates eight camp sites on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), which are growing in popularity every year. Here are the figures for March 2017:

- **Gross occupancy revenue**

Total occupancy revenue for March 2017 (\$192,586) was 75% higher when compared to March 2014 (\$110,070).

- **Sites sold occupancy**

Combined occupancy for all camping grounds (site nights sold) for March 2017 was 4019, which was an overall increase of 11% compared to March 2014's figure of 3621.

Average length of stay currently averages 2.6 nights per booking. In total, annual income from the holiday parks has grown strongly in recent years and there has been strong growth in 4WD beach driving permit sales. Occupancy revenue was \$3.6 million, up from \$3.3 million last year. Total revenue for the year is \$4.8 million up from \$4.5 million. Total sites occupied is up to 87,000, from 84,000.

QYAC has attracted \$7.7 million investment into this Minjerribah Camping business and is continually enhancing the campgrounds, their products and extended services. Popular glamping facilities have been installed at Minjerribah Camping sites. The business has also been awarded a number of Queensland tourism awards, including a best campground in Queensland award.

As part of the next phase of the economic transition of Quandamooka Country, will your party support the expansion of Minjerribah Camping to deliver camping and glamping services and 4WD permits on other national parks across Quandamooka Country, including Peel Island and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island)?

c. Minjerribah Cultural Centre

This proposed facility is already acknowledged by the State Government to be a significant feature of Minjerribah's (North Stradbroke Island) future economy. State Government funding has already been provided for the initial planning stage of this facility.

Will your party commit to provide an additional \$5 million funding for the construction phase of this important and iconic Queensland cultural heritage facility, which has the full support of Redlands City Council?

6. World Heritage listing

QYAC, as agent for the traditional owners, believes many parts of Moreton Bay, including the adjacent sand islands of Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island), are of such outstanding universal natural and cultural value that they should be evaluated for listing as a World Heritage Site.

A World Heritage Site is a place listed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) because it has special cultural or physical significance. The concept arises out of the World Heritage Convention, which aims to promote cooperation among nations to protect heritage from around the world that is of such outstanding universal value that its conservation is important for current and future generations.

QYAC as the traditional owners has taken the initiative on this issue and has been leading the process. The Moreton Bay areas QYAC has identified for listing are only over existing marine park and national and conservation park areas.

The objective is to gain recognition of Quandamooka culture and to protect the outstanding aspects of Quandamooka culture and country. Such a listing would provide important additional international profile for the region and Brisbane itself. The nomination enjoys strong community support, including from local, state, national and international conservation groups, Sunfish and the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum.

A draft nomination, commissioned by QYAC, has been prepared against the UNESCO criteria by one of the world's most experienced world heritage advisers, Peter Hitchcock. Griffith University's Professor of Environmental and Landscape Planning, Darryl Low Choy, and archeologist, Dr Richard Robins, have also provided assistance.

QYAC must continue to be the lead agency with respect to this issue and should be funded to complete a final report for the State Government.

Will your party commit to provide \$100,000 in 2018 for QYAC to prepare a final report for the State to consider making a recommendation to the Federal Government to include Quandamooka World Heritage on the Australian Tentative List?



How These Election Commitments Deliver on Government Policy

1. *Planning Act 2016*¹

The purpose of the legislation is to establish an efficient and accountable system of land-use planning and development assessment that will lead to ecological sustainability. The Planning Act defines ecological sustainability as a balance between:

- the protection of ecological processes and natural systems at local, regional, state and national levels;
- economic development; and
- the cultural, economic, physical and social wellbeing of Queenslanders.

5. Advancing purpose of Act

(1) An entity that performs a function under this Act must perform the function in a way that advances the purpose of this Act.

(2) Advancing the purpose of this Act includes—

(a) following ethical decision-making processes that—

(i) take account of short and long-term environmental effects of development at local, regional, State and wider levels; and

(ii) apply the precautionary principle, namely that the lack of full scientific certainty is not a reason for delaying taking a measure to prevent degradation of the environment if there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage; and

(iii) seek to provide for equity between present and future generations; and

(b) providing opportunities for the community to be involved in making decisions; and

(c) promoting the sustainable use of renewable and non-renewable natural resources, including biological, energy, extractive, land and water resources that contribute to economic development through employment creation and wealth generation; and

(d) valuing, protecting and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, culture and tradition; and

(e) conserving places of cultural heritage significance; and

(f) providing for housing choice, diversity and affordability; and

(g) encouraging investment, economic resilience and economic diversity; and

(h) supplying infrastructure in a coordinated, efficient and orderly way; and

(i) applying amenity, conservation, energy use, health and safety in the built environment in ways that are cost-effective and of public benefit; and

(j) avoiding, if practicable, or otherwise minimising the adverse environmental effects of development (climate change, urban congestion or declining human health, for example).

¹ <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/act-2016-025>

2. *ShapingSEQ*: South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017²

In August 2017 the Queensland Government released its visionary *ShapingSEQ: South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017*, which commits to actively engage with traditional owners, and their native title rights and cultural heritage, as we build the future we want for the State's south east.

ShapingSEQ sets a framework for growth in the State's south east, so we can maintain everything that makes living in south east Queensland great, while taking advantage of the opportunities of the fastest growing economic region in the world – the Asian-Pacific region. At the same time, it will help manage the potential impacts of population growth to deliver housing supply and affordable living options, and support the planning and delivery of critical infrastructure, while protecting our natural environment and our lifestyle.

ShapingSEQ has the force of law, in that it is the statutory regional plan for the SEQ region. It replaces the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009–2031*, and is the region's pre-eminent strategic land use plan made under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, and given effect by the *Planning Act 2016*. *ShapingSEQ* is a State planning instrument providing a framework to manage growth, change, land use and development in SEQ.

A key feature of *ShapingSEQ* is its strong emphasis on greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' connection to the land and seascapes of SEQ, and a commitment to ongoing engagement with south east Queensland traditional owners such as the Quandamooka People.

In fact, Queensland's *Planning Act 2016* is the first planning legislation in Australia to explicitly acknowledge the importance of valuing, protecting and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, culture and tradition. The Queensland Government clearly states that this acknowledgement will be advanced in *ShapingSEQ* by ongoing engagement with representatives of Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in SEQ.

ShapingSEQ also recognises the Moreton Bay area as a unique and iconic landscape feature of the region. This includes Quandamooka (Moreton Bay), Mulgumpin (Moreton Island), Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), the southern Moreton Bay islands and South Stradbroke Island. The Plan commits to its protection including its nationally and internationally recognised natural assets and environmental values.



² <https://dilgpprd.blob.core.windows.net/general/shapingseq.pdf>

3. Moving Ahead: A strategic approach to increasing the participation of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland's economy 2016-2022³

The Queensland Government has a vision that Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples participate fully in Queensland's growing economy through skilling, training and employment, and business growth and development. *Moving Ahead* is the new whole-of-government strategy to improve economic participation outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. *Moving Ahead* includes 27 actions to drive specific improvements in economic participation outcomes, which are aligned with the following five priorities:

1. Build a more skilled and diverse workforce.
2. Focus on youth, and plan for future success.
3. Build our partnership with industry.
4. Increase entrepreneurship, business growth and innovation.
5. Overcome barriers and realise opportunities to completion.

Priority 5: Overcome barriers and realise opportunities to completion, includes the following actions:

1. Increase the economic opportunities available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through the resolution of land administration matters and strengthened coordination of capital works projects to increase local skill development, improve local economic opportunities and resolve land legacy issues (Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).
2. Support Indigenous communities to deliver learning to drive programs through the ongoing delivery of the Indigenous Driver Licensing Program (Department of Transport and Main Roads).
3. Support Queensland's public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres to implement initiatives to enhance the digital skills of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people to better connect to economic opportunities such as training, jobs and markets (State Library of Queensland).



³ <https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/resources/datsima/publications/corporate/moving-ahead-strategy.pdf>

4. Queensland Indigenous Procurement Policy⁴

The Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy (QIPP) provides a whole-of-government framework to increase procurement with Indigenous businesses to be three per cent of the value of government procurement contracts by 2022. Under the QIPP an Indigenous business is at least fifty per cent owned by Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Under the QIPP we will:

- increase the capacity and capability of Indigenous businesses to successfully tender for Queensland Government contracts;
- grow and develop a diverse and sustainable Indigenous business sector in Queensland by increasing the capacity and capability of Indigenous businesses to supply to the Queensland Government, but also to supply to the private sector through supply chains and increased private sector demand; and
- improve employment outcomes and opportunities for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples to participate in the Queensland economy.



⁴ <https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/resources/datsima/publications/policy/qipp/queensland-indigenous-procurement-policy.pdf>

5. Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2016-2020⁵

Five new strategic directions outline the action required by the tourism industry, government and community stakeholders to achieve the vision and deliver our promise to visitors:

1. Driving innovation in ecotourism experiences.
2. Showcasing the world renowned Great Barrier Reef.
3. Stimulating investment in new and refurbished ecotourism opportunities.
4. Expanding authentic Indigenous ecotourism experiences.
5. Promoting Queensland's world-class ecotourism experiences.

Direction four, **4. Expanding authentic Indigenous ecotourism experiences**, states the following:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are complex, diverse and enduring. The Indigenous cultures of Australia are the oldest living cultural history in the world, originating at least 50,000–65,000 years ago. Australia's unique Indigenous heritage presents the opportunity for authentic cultural experiences that complement the environmental offering and create a distinctive point of difference from competitors. Cultural heritage interpretation adds depth to ecotourism experiences and provides visitors with meaningful connections with traditional owners and their communities.

There is potential to develop additional Indigenous tourism experiences that draw on the knowledge, resources and skills of Indigenous people, including partnerships with established Indigenous operators to make these a 'must do' component of Queensland ecotourism itineraries. Visitors are discerning about their cultural experiences, expecting authentic not contrived experiences and products, and contemporary rather than just traditional expressions of the culture. The Queensland Government is committed to working with traditional owners and their communities to maximise Indigenous ecotourism opportunities, including but not limited to national parks and jointly managed national parks.

- 4.1 Work with existing and potential Indigenous ecotourism product to ensure long-term sustainability.
- 4.2 Collaborate with members of the QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Champions Network to encourage participation of Indigenous Australians in ecotourism products.
- 4.3 Identify new Indigenous ecotourism opportunities in and adjacent to Queensland's national parks, including jointly managed national parks.
- 4.4 Investigate Indigenous 'Sea Country' ecotourism opportunities in particular on the Great Barrier Reef.
- 4.5 Work with the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation and key stakeholders to implement tourism actions proposed in the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy.
- 4.6 Work with traditional owners and communities to support development of commercially viable, indigenous-led ecotourism investment across Queensland.

⁵ <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/tourism/pdf/final-qld-ecotourism-plan.pdf>

6. North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy⁶

The Queensland Government has committed to phasing out sand mining on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) by 2019 and expanding the island's existing industries to ensure a strong, sustainable economy for all who live and work there. To deliver this commitment, the Queensland Government has developed the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy with initiatives which aim to:

- diversify and expand the current tourism industry;
- expand education and training opportunities; and
- stimulate local business development and growth.

The Queensland Government has allocated \$20 million to drive this strategy and facilitate stakeholder co-investment to deliver a sustainable economy. The strategy is further supported by an additional \$3.87 million in-kind Queensland Government contributions for identified initiatives and \$5 million to help mine workers pursue new employment opportunities.

Native title

On 4 July 2011, the Federal Court of Australia made two native title consent determinations recognising the Quandamooka People's native title rights and interests over land and waters on and surrounding Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), and some islands in Moreton Bay. The combined determination area is about 54,472 hectares, with native title determined to exist over about 54,408 hectares of land and waters, including areas of national parks, reserves, unallocated state land and other leases. This recognises their right to conduct traditional ceremonies, use traditional natural resources, conduct burial rites, teach about the physical and spiritual attributes of the area, and maintain places of importance and areas of significance (subject to State and federal laws). The Queensland Government and the Quandamooka People then entered into an ILUA that establishes how the parties will manage and use Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) in the future.

Working together The ILUA provides opportunities for further economic development on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) through the joint management of some protected areas, and income and revenue-sharing opportunities. Government and industry could partner with the Quandamooka People to create or expand Indigenous tourism opportunities. Ultimately, the experiences and wishes of the Quandamooka People are a vital part of the vision for Minjerribah's (North Stradbroke Island) future. The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation manages cultural heritage across the Quandamooka estate and the Queensland Government will work closely with them to implement a plan for the island that protects this important heritage.

⁶ <http://statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/resources/strategy/nsi/nsi-economic-transition-strategy.pdf>