

Re; Support for ecotourism development plan for Ninney Rise

The Mission Beach Community Association supports the general interests of the Mission Beach area. Currently over 340 people are on our Email news list. At a recent meeting of the Association there was a presentation, followed by discussion on the future use of the property at Ninney Rise, Mission Beach. The property is owned by the Queensland Government and is currently vacant.

From Ninney Rise, John Busst played a leading role in the successful protection of two of Queensland's greatest economic, social and environmental assets: the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest. This significance is recognized by Ninney Rise being listed on the Queensland Heritage Register.

The property has outstanding potential as a key Queensland ecotourism asset in the history of reef and rainforest conservation. There is strong community support in Mission Beach for its retention and appropriate development in keeping with its heritage values.

We believe the Mission Beach community, tourism and government can work together to identify the future use that will realise this asset, whilst protecting the unique heritage values. Community and tourism groups are currently working together to help fund the preparation of a conservation management plan for Ninney Rise.

We ask you to support in principle the preparation of a conservation management plan that will enable significant ecotourism development of Ninney Rise appropriate to its heritage values.

Yours sincerely,

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