MINJERRIBAH (NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND) ECONOMIC TRANSITION STRATEGY: CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

The Queensland Government first began discussing ideas and concerns about how best to transition the Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) economy from sandmining to more sustainable industries in 2011. The community provided feedback and guidance to the State Government and partner organisations on the development and delivery of the Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) Economic Transition Strategy every step of the way.

As of May 2019, more than 4,400 submissions have been received via surveys, emails, public forums, community engagement, workshops, information sessions, telephone calls and conversations at the Goompi (Dunwich) office. A timeline of consultation and engagement is below.

We thank everyone who has taken part in consultation activities to date and look forward to working with you to deliver a strong and positive economic future for Minjerribah.

CONSULTATION TIMELINE:

December 2011 – January 2012
Initial consultation took place from December 2011 to the end of January 2012 with a call for feedback on the first version of the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy. Responses were collected via surveys and focus groups, as well as through targeted consultation with Traditional Owners, the Quandamooka People. This feedback was presented to the North Stradbroke Economic Transition Taskforce and Queensland Government.

March 2012 – February 2015
Elected in March 2012, the Newman Government extended the deadline for the end of sandmining on North Stradbroke Island to 2035. Planning for the economic transition of the island was halted until a change of government in February 2015, and a return to the initial mining cessation deadline of 2019.

December 2015 – February 2016
A revised draft of the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy that integrated feedback from the 2011/12 consultation was released for consultation in December 2015. By the end of this consultation in February 2016, 331 submissions had been received via an online survey, stakeholder comments and written submissions.

February – May 2016
The Queensland Parliament’s Finance and Administration Committee undertook an inquiry into the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and other Acts Amendment Bill 2015 and the North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability (Renewal of Mining Leases) Amendment Bill 2015. The
committee received more than 2000 public submissions, interviewed 100 stakeholders and convened public forums during February. The committee reported to Parliament in May 2016.

**September 2016**
The final *North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy* was released on 1 September 2016. The final strategy strongly integrated feedback from public consultation activities and the submissions to the parliamentary inquiry.

**September 2016 – today**
The *Economic Transition Strategy* Goompi (Dunwich) office opened in September 2016. As at May 2019 more than 500 members of the public had visited the office to discuss the strategy, learn more about the 23 projects and to put forward their ideas. Information stalls on the *Economic Transition Strategy* have also been part of Quandamooka Festival since 2017.
The Economic Transition Strategy team also conduct monthly pop-ups at Mooloomba (Point Lookout), Pulan Pulan (Amity Point), and Goompi.

**July 2017**
On 27 July 2017 a *North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy* information day was held in Goompi at the University of Queensland Moreton Bay Research Station. More than 60 people came along to learn more about the strategy and meet with the teams leading the delivery of the 23 projects from the Queensland Government, Redland City Council, QYAC and the Straddie Chamber of Commerce.

**April – July 2018**
More than 760 people took part in an online and paper survey of transport on, to and from the island, as part of a Strategy project investigating ways to improve public transport on and to Minjerribah. The public transport study project also held three community consultations events in July 2018 which 90 people attended.

**GOOMPI (DUNWICH) MASTER PLAN**

**October 2018**
The Goompi Master Plan (stage one) released for initial public consultation. More than 120 people attended three community engagement sessions and a targeted session was also held with the Quandamooka community, while 55 people responded to the survey.

**December 2018 – February 2019**
The Goompi Master Plan project undertook stage two of its public consultation activities, calling for ideas on the draft master plan concepts. More than 70 people attended three community engagement sessions in February.
WHALE WATCHING PLATFORM / WHALE SHELTER AT MOOLOOMBA (POINT LOOKOUT)

December 2011 – January 2012
The initial draft *North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy* released for consultation in 2011, included a proposal for a whale watching platform near Point Lookout with interpretation and a listening post using a sonophone.

December 2015 – February 2016
Responding to the feedback received in 2011/12, the revised draft of *the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy* had amended the idea of a platform to a Whale Interpretive Facility at Point Lookout. Consultation on the revised strategy took place from December 2015 to February 2016 and received 331 submissions via an online survey, stakeholder comments and letters.

December 2018 – February 2019
The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation opened public consultation on the design of the new Whale Interpretive Facility (Yalingbila Bibula) at Point Lookout in December 2018 with public forums on 20 December 2018, 23 January 2019 and an online survey open from December 2018 to February 2019. An estimated 90 people attended both forums and 273 survey responses were received.

May 2019
Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation released the initial designs of the whale shelter on 2 May. Consultation on the designs is currently underway. An online survey closes on 31 May, design boards and hard copy surveys are available at the Economic Transition Strategy offices in Goompi (Dunwich), as well as the QYAC offices. Pop ups will be held across the island to share the designs.

PLACE MARKERS

September 2018
Redland City Council conducted community engagement in Mooloomba and Pulan Pulan (Amith Point) regarding entry statements at both locations on 23, 30 September. Feedback was sought on possible subjects, themes, locations, the scale, construction materials etc. for the place markers. Over 100 people took part, 70 in face-to-face interviews, and 40 via Council’s yoursay webpage.

Mooloomba feedback: 70% of all participants who had thoughts (unprompted) on subject matter, suggested a whale. It was by far the most frequently suggested response. One respondent suggested we "give tourists a whale to look at out of season".

Pulan Pulan: 39% of participants who had thoughts (unprompted) regarding subject matter, suggested a dolphin. The next most popular responses were fishing, fish / mullet, sharks, dugongs, pelicans, and koalas.
This feedback complemented the feedback received by QYAC through consultation with the Quandamooka community and Elders.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS

March 2019 - today
Extensive consultation is ongoing with individuals, community groups and business on the development of a network of recreational trails across the island. More than 50 people have taken part in the consultation process as of May 2019.