

## **APPENDIX 5: LETTER OF AGREEMENT 1993**

Dear Mr Down,

### **LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY AND THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO PORT HINCHINBROOK**

In noting the special significance of the Hinchinbrook region including the channel and its status as a unique part of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, it is proposed that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Queensland Government enter into a letter of agreement in respect of the environmental assessment of the impact of the Port Hinchinbrook development inside and as it relates to the World Heritage Area.

To further this aim I seek your agreement on the principles below which will be applied to the assessment of the project. These are as follows:

- the environmental impact assessment for the project will adequately take into account the possible impacts the project may have on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park;
- there will be full public disclosure of all information related to the proposal and its environmental impact, except where there are legitimate reasons for confidentiality;
- there will be provided opportunities for appropriate and adequate public consultation on environmental aspects of proposals before the assessment process is complete; and
- the Authority will make available a suitably experienced staff member to give reasonable assistance to the Queensland Government during the environmental impact process and to participate in the assessment process.

To indicate your agreement to the above principles, please countersign the agreement in the place provided.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Kelleher [Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority], 9/12/93

signed and agreed to by K J Down, Head, Office of the Co-ordinator General, 9/12/93