

This submission relates specifically to the Fraser Island World Heritage Area - a National Park controlled by the Queensland parks and Wildlife Service but as a World heritage area the Federal Government also has responsibilities .

I am the Managing Director of the Kingfisher Bay Resort group of companies , the largest tourism operator on Fraser Island , and indeed in the whole Fraser Coast /Hervey Bay region of Queensland .We employ some 600 staff accross the following operations - all based on Fraser Island

- Kingfisher bay Resort
- Eurong Beach Resort
- Fraser Island Barges ( operates passenger and vehicular ferry services to Fraser Island)
- Fraser Explorer Tours ( 4WD coach tours of Fraser island).

This submission is made by Kingfisher Bay Resort Village Pty Ltd - owner of all of the above. We host over 75,000 people annually in our resorts and take over 70,000 tourists annually on 4WD tours of Fraser Island.Many of our guests are international tourists.

We are the 2004 and 2005 holders of the Australian Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.

We have been operating on Fraser Island for over 14 years from around the time Fraser Island was World Heritage listed .In that time we have seen a steady decline in the condition of roads ( particularly ) and infrastructure on the island ( with exceptions on specific infrastructure projects ) .The NHT World Heritage Management funding to Fraser Island World Heritage area has been erratic and spasmodic as evidenced in the table attached ranging from \$950000 in 1997/98 to \$8000 in 2002/03 - this was not even sufficient to fund the operation of the 3 joint Federal/State Government appointed committees that play a role in advising Government of both levels on issues as they arise.( Community Advisory Committee Scientific Advisory Committee ,Management Committee ).

Such inadequate and unpredictable funding from the Federal level makes it very difficult to plan ahead regarding capital works and fails to address the need for extra funding at the day to day management level to adequately cope with tourism visitation to the Island.

We would argue that State funding has also been historically inadequate to fund necessary operational and capital works.

In recent years we are seeing a decline in visitors to Fraser Island as evidenced below:

	03/04	02/03	01/02	00/01
Camper Nights	292505	320974	338088	331695

We are concerned that this is resulting from at least in part declining quality of the asset and associated infrastructure.

We would be pleased to host members of the Senate Committee on a visit to Fraser Island to show them firsthand some of the problems faced on the ground.

Regards

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**NHT World Heritage Management funding 1996-97 to 2003-04**  
(State Properties)

PROPERTY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	All years
AFMS (Naracoorte)	\$ 230,000	\$ 412,000	\$ 403,500	\$ 417,720	\$ 199,000	\$ 193,500	\$	\$ 86,000	\$ 1,941,720
AFMS (Riversleigh)	\$ 185,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 395,193	\$ 160,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 1,558,193
<b>AFMS (sub total)</b>	<b>\$ 415,000</b>	<b>\$ 712,000</b>	<b>\$ 593,500</b>	<b>\$ 812,913</b>	<b>\$ 359,000</b>	<b>\$ 413,500</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ 174,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,499,913</b>
CERRA (NSW)	\$ 180,000	\$ 787,000	\$ 726,500	\$ 456,500	\$ 531,500	\$ 164,510	\$ 30,000	\$ 161,500	\$ 3,037,510
CERRA (Qld)	\$ 100,000	\$ 532,000	\$ 659,000	\$ 275,500	\$ 212,500	\$ 206,000	\$	\$ 16,500	\$ 2,001,500
<b>CERRA (sub total)</b>	<b>\$ 280,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,385,500</b>	<b>\$ 732,000</b>	<b>\$ 744,000</b>	<b>\$ 370,510</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 178,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,039,010</b>
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Fraser Island	\$ 700,000	\$ 950,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 662,500	\$ 451,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 42,500	\$ 3,584,000
Greater Blue Mountains	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,041,275	\$ 100,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 132,194	\$ 1,316,469
Lord Howe Island	\$ 360,000	\$ 435,925	\$ 484,500	\$ 453,000	\$ 268,000	\$ 341,000	\$	\$ 95,880	\$ 2,438,305
Macquarie Island	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 30,000	\$	\$	\$	\$ 30,000
Shark Bay	\$ 491,630	\$ 674,480	\$ 534,350	\$ 450,250	\$ 389,850	\$ 1,200,796	\$	\$ 51,500	\$ 3,792,856
<sup>1</sup> Tasmanian Wilderness	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 7,350,000	\$ 7,005,000	\$ 5,770,000	\$ 5,880,000	\$ 6,430,000	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 3,462,000	\$ 45,457,000
Wet Tropics	\$ 2,965,000	\$ 3,876,000	\$ 3,346,000	\$ 3,752,500	\$ 3,388,325	\$ 3,740,000	\$ 2,690,000	\$ 2,754,500	\$ 26,512,325
Willandra Lakes	\$ 510,000	\$ 497,329	\$ 848,850	\$ 340,000	\$ 261,500	\$ 245,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 218,560	\$ 2,940,239
Purnululu	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 80,800	\$ 80,800
<b>All properties (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$ 10,981,630</b>	<b>\$ 15,814,734</b>	<b>\$ 14,267,700</b>	<b>\$ 12,973,163</b>	<b>\$ 12,812,950</b>	<b>\$ 13,540,806</b>	<b>\$ 7,110,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,189,934</b>	<b>\$ 94,690,917</b>
Assessments & Nominations	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Baslink payment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
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<sup>1</sup> Includes separate (non-NHT) appropriation for implementation of funding agreement	\$ 3,580,000	\$ 5,350,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,070,000	\$ 5,230,000	\$ 5,300,000	\$	\$	\$ 29,530,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes separate (non-NHT) appropriation for implementation of funding agreement