

## WTL-MC 5: Continued Rehabilitation of Greenpatch and Adjoining Sections of Mulgrave River

Using a collaborative approach with project partners, local community and Traditional Owners, develop and rehabilitate Greenpatch to enhance the recreational, tourism, cultural and environmental values of the area.

<b>This strategy delivers on these Regional Themes</b>	Biodiversity	Biosecurity	Coastal Systems	Sustainable Industries	Water
	✓			✓	✓
<b>This strategy delivers on these Strategic Outcomes</b>	Supportive policies, plans and regulations	Collaborative, adaptive planning and action	Traditional Owner benefits	Sustained and diverse resourcing	Community stewardship, values and action
		✓	✓		✓
<b>Outcome</b>	<p>Future development and rehabilitation of Greenpatch and adjoining areas for recreational and tourism purposes will provide significant benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improved water quality, habitat and connectivity through strategic revegetation.</li> <li>▪ Improved management of visitor impacts.</li> <li>▪ Opportunities for involvement by Traditional Owners.</li> <li>▪ Improved recreational and tourism opportunities.</li> </ul>				
<b>Justification</b>	<p>Greenpatch is located on the edge of Gordonvale adjacent to the Bruce Highway bridge with important cultural, social and recreational values for Traditional Owners, as well as the wider local community and tourists, as a popular free camping area. This section of the Mulgrave River has been degraded due to past clearing and current visitor impacts. Cairns Regional Council is proposing significant investment to improve the camping area facilities and management as well as a walking trail, providing an opportunity for rehabilitation and improved management of the surrounding area.</p>				
<b>Key steps</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Develop management plan for Greenpatch area identifying camping and day use areas, walking tracks, rehabilitation areas and conservation areas, and outlining management arrangements, proposed presentation of cultural, historic and environmental values, and opportunities for Traditional Owner and community involvement.</li> <li>2) Conduct riparian revegetation in designated areas.</li> </ol>				
<b>Feasibility considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strong local community landcare group with good capacity and relationships with landholders.</li> <li>✓ Strong community interest in site.</li> <li>✓ Opportunity to build capacity of Traditional Owners in land management in the Gordonvale area.</li> <li>✗ Need for ongoing visitor management to protect rehabilitation/revegetation areas.</li> </ul>				