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Dear Jonathan,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to queries that are of vital interest to the National Trust. Please find below our response, which is based on our policy platform and addresses many of your questions. We note that for some of the more specific questions the Queensland Greens currently have no considered policy.

The Queensland Greens see Tourism as a sustainable industry that brings employment and investment to Queensland.

What strategies do you have for the development and growth of environmental, built and cultural heritage tourism in Queensland?

The Queensland Greens believe that tourism is an important service industry and provides a valuable opportunity to protect and enhance our natural and cultural heritage while providing significant employment.

The Queensland Greens will ensure that all Planning legislation, planning schemes and planning documentation is underpinned by the principle of 'Place Making'.

How will you help establish regional Heritage Trails to promote the cultural assets of regional areas, generate jobs and increase tourism in our regions?

The Queensland Greens believe that appropriate forms of economic development will bring employment and prosperity to Indigenous communities.

The Queensland Greens believe that greater community involvement and self-determination by indigenous communities should form the foundation of the design and management of all government policy and program development and implementation.

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What regional heritage services will you commit to reinstating and how will you support the creation of heritage related jobs and assist regional areas in promoting and managing their unique resources?

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Will you resource a stronger heritage unit within the Department of National Parks, Sports and Racing by providing regular, cyclical funding for the identification, conservation and celebration of heritage assets within National Parks?

The Queensland Greens believe that adequate resourcing, political support, improved accountability for the relevant government agencies and legislative reform are all necessary to ensure politically resilient, effective and robust environmental protection and monitoring.

How will you implement the World Heritage Centre (WHC) advice for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef and commit to delivering tougher land clearing laws and accelerating the program of water quality improvement?

The Queensland Greens aim to review and amend the Coast Management Plan 2014 and State Planning Policy 2014 to include climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and more rigorous coastal protections from developments based upon available science. Provide statutory direction for local governments in relation to existing communities. Review the Coast Management Plan 2014 and amend it where necessary to properly protect coastal ecosystems and processes.

The Queensland Greens aim to Introduce dedicated World Heritage legislation that provides the highest level of protection for all World Heritage sites in Queensland against threatening and degrading activities. The Queensland Greens aim to amend the Vegetation Management Act to protect endangered, near threatened and high conservation value regrowth vegetation, all remnant and high value regrowth vegetation in urban areas, and vegetation in riparian and wildlife corridors.

The Queensland Greens aim to protect a new series of river basins under a restored Wild Rivers legislation within the next term of government (following extensive community consultation). Priority river systems for consideration are: Paroo River, Bulloo River, Gilbert River, Baffle Creek, Noosa River, Sandy Creek, Normanby Basin and Waterpark Creek.

The Queensland Greens aim to provide appropriate resources for compliance and enforcement (including strategic prosecutions) and education for compliance programs for all natural resource legislation, especially for illegal clearing.

Will you invest in the interpretation of the heritage of the many coastal settlements along the length of the Great Barrier Reef coastline, to coincide with Cook 250 events?

The Queensland Greens aim to recognise and reflect local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values in the management of all World Heritage and Protected Areas and declared Wild Rivers Areas.

How will you ensure that government agencies avoid the embarrassment of state owned heritage places suffering from “demolition by neglect”?

The Queensland Greens aim to strengthen the laws and regulations that protect historical buildings and sites, developing a sympathetic tourism plan to showcase these areas and aid their preservation.

Kind Regards,

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