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Dear Minister Jones,

**Transparency for Eco-tourism proposals: Thorsborne Trail, Whitsunday Island Trail and Cooloola Great Walk**

Queenslanders hold a justifiably high interest in public lands that are national parks. The Government’s own ecotourism principle 7 of the Queensland Ecotourism Implementation Framework states, “The authorisation of ecotourism facilities will be consistent and transparent while protecting the intellectual property of the proponent.”

To date, there has been limited information and consultation around the three great walks (e.g. the track alignment of the Cooloola Great Walk available online with a mention of potential ecotourism accommodation). No information has been provided on the likely scale and services related to accommodation, environmental impacts of watercourse crossings, and potential changes to the integrity of existing visitors. NPAQ seeks a transparent assessment process supporting a community say on such development in national parks.

The government’s ecotourism principals require transparency and as such, the impacts of each proposal on Matters of National and State Environmental Significance should be made available to the public for comment (with submissions considered / addressed).

Yours sincerely