



Natural Resources

What do we want for our region?

We have productive soils, mineral deposits and the ocean that support a thriving economy. We want the Mackay region's natural resources to be efficiently managed for current and future generations.

What is important to us?

We want to protect and improve:

- > water and soil management
- > the health of the Great Barrier Reef
- > the way we manage groundwater and salt water intrusion
- > the way we retain agricultural land.

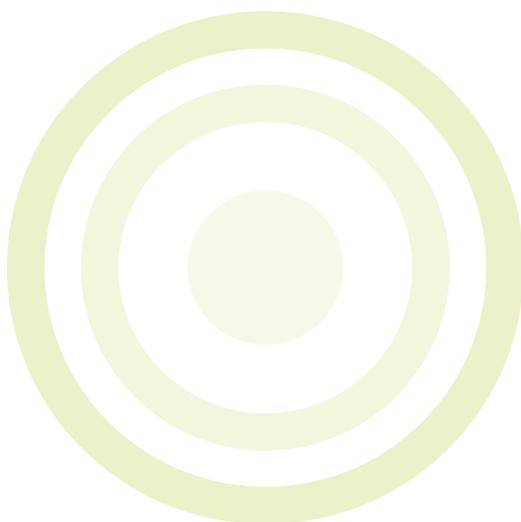
What will our region look like in 2031?

- > our resources are sustainably managed and efficiently used
- > areas of environmental significance are protected and biodiversity is maintained
- > the community is actively involved in promoting and supporting ways to preserve and improve our natural environment
- > increased urban densities enable our good quality agricultural land to be protected.



Natural resources: strategies to get us there

To make progress:	Who will contribute to getting there:
We need to manage the views and scenic values in areas that showcase the region's landscape character	- Council - State Government agencies - Great Barrier Reef stakeholders
We must protect and manage agricultural soils, timber resources and construction materials	- Council - State Government agencies - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority - Local Communities
We plan and act appropriately to manage our resources sustainably	- Council - State Government Agencies - Industry and Agricultural stakeholders - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority - Local Communities
We must protect and manage our marine environment	- State Government Agencies - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Preserve/enhance natural corridors within the urban framework	- Council



Targets

We know we are succeeding when:

- we have plans in place that minimise the loss of productive soils and the sensitive environmental landscapes
- our freshwater and marine ecological indicators show we are looking after our environment
- the quantity of land in high value agricultural production remains the same
- we manage our key natural resources sustainably.