

## **Inquiry into the economic and regulatory frameworks for Queensland island resorts**

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### **Submitter Comments:**

Keswick Island was the most beautiful natural island for tourists to visit and people to live in a peaceful and harmonious manner. Since being leased to a foreign country the environment, the habitats of native animals and the livelihood of our unique Australian creatures have been adversely affected. The island was a natural peaceful island to enjoy but now due to a foreign lease the island is no longer a place of tranquility and harmony. Our natural islands like Keswick belong to all Australians, not for governments to lease for monetary gains and unsuitable development. Everyone should be able to enjoy our islands and not be restricted by foreign interferences and mandated rules. Keswick Island should be protected for future generations to be able to enjoy and appreciate the uniqueness of our country and for our animals and environment to prosper. We need to value our beautiful islands like Keswick, not turn it into an unnatural resort by a Chinese company that does not appreciate the true uniqueness of such an iconic natural Australian Island.

### **Submitter Recommendations:**

Leases should have strict conditions that developers must adhere to. Leases should be revoked when such conditions are not followed. The well-being of locals and the environment should be a priority. Locals should have input into development and such input should be strongly considered. Likewise the environment and welfare of animals should be protected at all costs and there should be an environmental committee to oversee any form of development and be given the authority to prohibit development that is not in keeping with nature and well-being of animals. Such a committee should be independent of council and government. Fines do not deter developers or companies to follow rules and regulations that have been put in place. Fines are not strong enough.

Revoking leases would have a profound affect in a lease contract if a developer or company did not follow mandated regulations. The lease of Keswick Island should be revoked due to the inappropriate and unsuitable rules being enforced on the island and the damage that has already been done to animal habitats and the