



City of Greater Geraldton

2.3 ABROLHOS ISLANDS TOURISM

SUSTAINABILITY THEME



OBJECTIVES

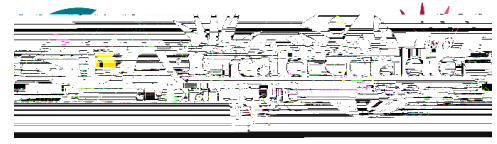
To ensure that the development of ecologically sustainable tourism is controlled in a manner that respects the environment and provides amenities for tourists.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Greater Geraldton aims to develop the Abrolhos Islands as a means to diversify and expand the City region economy and grow local employment in the tourism industry.

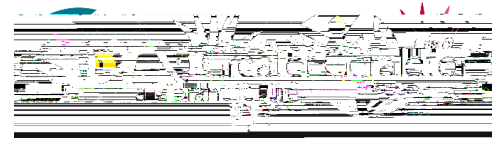
POLICY DETAILS

1. The Houtman Abrolhos Islands (the Abrolhos Islands – are included: see Appendix 11 maps) within the local government district boundaries of the City of Greater Geraldton.
2. Jurisdiction
 - 2.1. The state national park which covers the uninhabited islands near the high-water mark is managed by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). It does
 - 2.2. The Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responsible and currently for management of the terrestrial area not included in the national park occupied by commercial rock lobster fishers and aquaculture operators under four (4) separate body corporate leases. This is an A Class Reserve vested in the Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture. The Abrolhos Islands have special status as a designated Fish Habitat Protection Area (the FHRA) also managed by DPIRD. DPIRD responsibility for Fish Habitat Aquaculture and DPI dive trails.
 - 2.3. underwater cultural heritage and maritime archaeological sites under the *Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018* (Commonwealth) and *Maritime Archaeology Act 1973* (State). The land is managed by the DBCA Museum Works unit and by the body corporate, *Maritime 'Batavia'* and is managed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth) which has its own heritage.
 - 2.4. The sources and uses of the artificial islands are managed by the Department of Transport, Department of Health and the Abrolhos Islands Bodies Corporate.



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