



# WHITSUNDAY CONSERVATION COUNCIL

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The Honourable

Minister Meaghan Scanlon  
Minister for the Environment  
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Dear Minister Scanlon,

On behalf of the Whitsunday Conservation Council (WCC) our management committee would like to thank you and the Queensland Government for their recent commitment to protect our valuable and vulnerable sea turtles.

The Government's lease buy-back on Wild Duck Island will go a long way to protecting a most important nesting site of the Flatback Turtle, Australia's one and only endemic sea turtle.

The WCC is a non-profit conservation organisation, working hard to protect, conserve and sustain our natural environment. We have local volunteers who have spent decades working in turtle protection, including rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured sea turtles. We have had our successes and, sadly, we have had our failures. But the Government stepping up on Wild Duck Island can only bode well for the future of our Flatback friends and their mates.

WCC can only hope that the Queensland Government continues supporting sea turtle conservation by recognising the greatest threat to the future of sea turtles is global warming. The Government must lead the community by taking the necessary steps to immediately reduce our carbon emissions and transition to 100% renewable energy.

On behalf of the sea turtles, once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Faye C Chapman  
Secretary

