

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1983 NO. 262

GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK REGULATIONS

(Issued under the authority of the Minister of State for Home Affairs and Environment)

These regulations give effect to, and enforce the observance of, the Zoning Plans for the Cairns Section, the Capricornia Section and the Cormorant Pass Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The Regulations will also cover future Zoning Plans for other Sections of the Marine Park as they are developed.

The regulations:-

- (a) give statutory force to the restrictions in the zoning plans relating to the use of, and entry into, specified zones in the above 3 Sections;
- (b) empower the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to declare areas within specified zones in the 3 Sections to be areas of restricted use in accordance with the relevant Zoning Plans;
- (c) set out the procedures for the granting of necessary permissions under the Zoning Plans;
- (d) prohibit the unauthorized discharge of waste in the Marine Park;
- (e) prohibit littering in the Marine Park;
- (f) contain restriction on the method of spearfishing in the Marine Park;
- (g) provide for reconsideration of, and appeals against, decisions of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; and
- (h) provide that the regulations are to come into effect on 7 November 1983.

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