

THE FUTURE OF FARMING SURVEY



Introduction and purpose

The Great Barrier Reef Foundation has commissioned a number of research projects to investigate innovative policy, financing and funding initiatives for land management practices and land use transitions which improve water quality and reflect your economic circumstances.

NCEconomics and Alluvium Consulting are undertaking one of these projects and we would like your views on aspects of policy and financial and funding measures that you prefer.

To understand your views, we ask that you complete the attached confidential survey. Any information provided by you for this survey will remain confidential. Information will only be reported at an aggregated and anonymous format.

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. If you have further questions, please contact us at consult@nceconomics.com.

This survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you do wish to provide contact details, you will automatically enter the draw to win a \$100 gift card.

Section A: About you and your farming business

Firstly, it is important to understand the basics about you and your farming business. The following questions will assist us in understanding your situation and farm structure.

1. Are you currently involved in a farming business?
 - Yes, I own a farm.
 - Yes, I lease a farm.
 - Yes, I manage a farm.
 - No, I am not currently involved in a farming business.

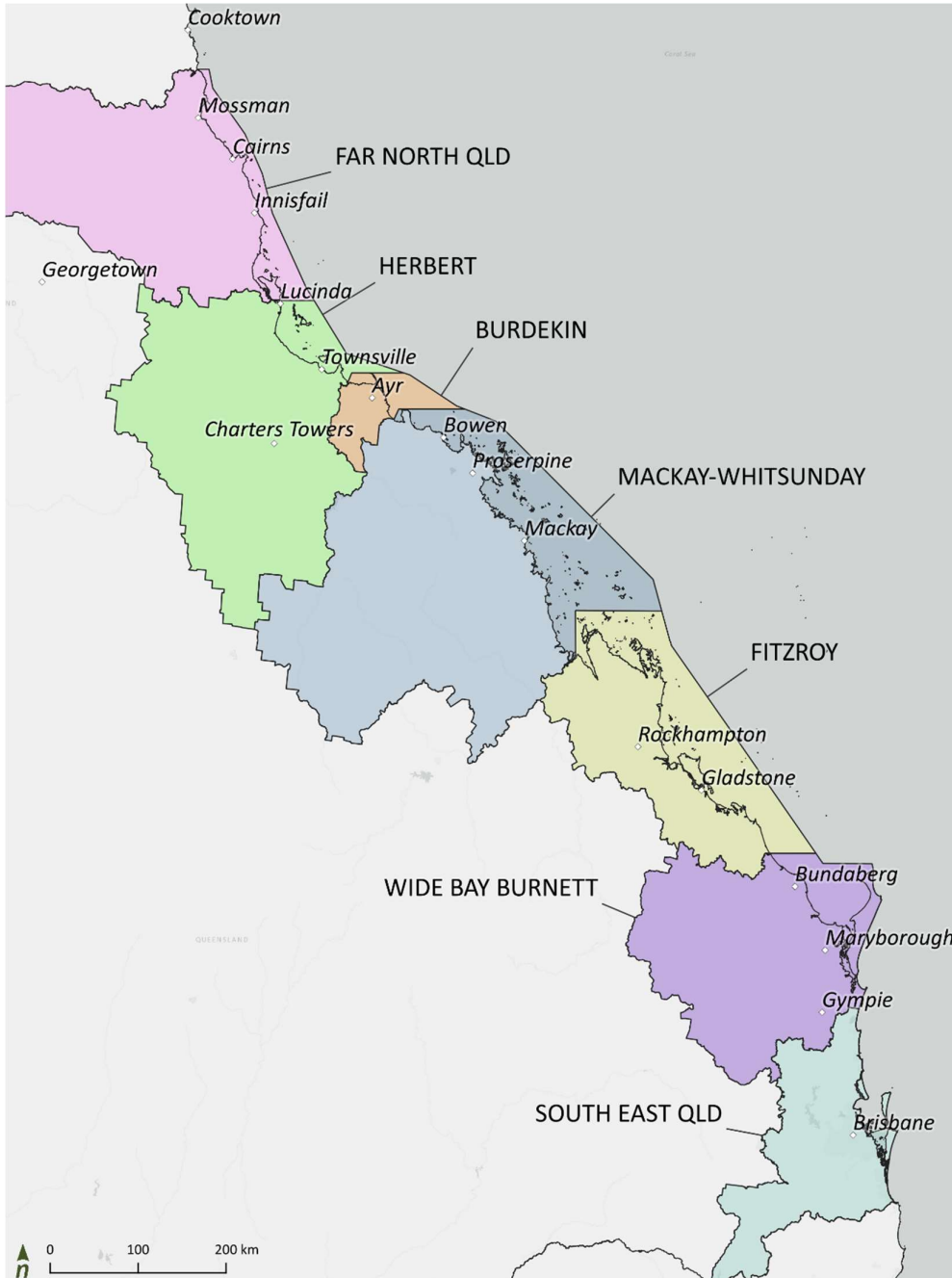
If yes, go to Q3.

2. *If No to Q1: Are you planning to start a farming business in the near future (i.e. the next five years)?*
 - Yes.
 - No.

If yes, go to Section C.

If no, go to Section D.

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3. Which region is it located in? (select multiple if applicable)

- Far North Queensland
- Herbert
- Burdekin
- Mackay-Whitsunday
- Fitzroy
- Wide Bay Burnett
- South Queensland
- Other (please specify): _____

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4. What is the total area of your farm/s in hectares? If you have multiple farms, it would be useful to know the size of each of them.

| Farm | Area (hectares) |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Farm 1 | |
| Farm 2 (if applicable) | |
| Farm 3 (if applicable) | |
| Farm 4 (if applicable) | |
| Farm 5 (if applicable) | |

5. If you have multiple properties, do you run them as a combined enterprise?

- Yes.
 No.

6. What do you farm? (select multiple, if applicable)

- Sugar cane
 Broadacre crops
 Seasonal horticulture
 Perennial horticulture
 Cattle
 Other (please specify): _____

7. What is your year of birth?

Section B: Farm operation and future plans

Next, we would like to understand how you run your farm and what your future plans may be. This section contains questions about your farm management practices.

Waterway buffers

8. Does your farm border or contain a waterway (e.g. a river, creek, or wetland)?

- Yes.
 No.

If no, go to Q11.

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Section D: Wrapping up

33. Are there any other key issues you would like to specify about your farming business, policy preferences or the impact of farming on the Great Barrier Reef in general? Please write your answer in the box below:

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34. If you wish to be included in the random draw for a \$100 gift card, please provide your contact details below. These contact details will be kept confidential:

| Name | Contact number | Contact email |
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