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UQ Dinosaur Lab endorsement of the Dinosaur Coast Management Plan

Dear Michelle and committee members of the Dinosaur Coast Management Group,

On behalf the Dinosaur Lab in the School of Biological Science, The University of Queensland, I am excited to formally endorse the Dinosaur Coast National Heritage Management Plan (v15, received 28 February 2023).

When we first started visiting Broome to research the area's dinosaur tracks back in 2010, we had little idea where that journey would take us. By 2014, with everything we had been through helping to secure National Heritage listing (2011), and then helping to save the Walmadany area from extensive industrialisation (2013), those of us who had been making decisions about how best to protect, promote and manage the dinosaur tracks of the Broome Sandstone and the spectacular landscape they occur in came up with the idea of forming the Dinosaur Coast Management Group. Ultimately, the hope was that we could engage with a larger group of like-minded people to collectively make important decisions about the tracks. Since 2015, the DCMG have done all that and more.

The creation of Dinosaur Coast National Heritage Management Plan is a natural progression of what we hoped the DCMG could achieve, and we are honoured to have played our part in seeing it come to fruition. The plan has successfully brought together all key groups with an interest in the tracks. We have met, talked, discussed at length and now endorsed a shared vision for the ongoing management of the tracks, the rocks they are preserved in and portions of coastline where these rocks are exposed.

We hope this plan will not only form the blueprint for the management of other parts of the Dinosaur Coast, but potentially other areas where there is a unique intersection of natural, geological and cultural heritage. We look forward to working with all other parties involved in the process on implementing the management plan, and sincerely hope it will see dinosaur tracks continue to be an integral part of what makes the Saltwater Country of the Dampier Peninsula so special for many years to come.

Sincerely,



A/Prof Steve Salisbury