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Moreton Bay's future insecure

The future health of Moreton Bay remains far from secure according to conservationists as the Healthy Waterways Report card for the Bay, released today, reveals there has been no significant health gains from government actions to date.

The Healthy Waterways Report card reveals that greater government action is needed to allow Moreton Bay to cope with climate change and SEQ's population growth.

The Healthy Waterways SEQ Ecosystem Report Card represents one of the most comprehensive marine, estuarine and freshwater monitoring programs in Australia.

This years Healthy Waterways Report Card for SEQ reveals Moreton Bay is still fragile due to the pressures associated with SEQ's increasing human population and the impacts of extreme weather events.

The Healthy Waterways Report Card gave Moreton Bay a 'B minus', which shows there has been no change from 2007 (also B-).

Craig Bohm, Campaigns Director with the Australian Marine Conservation Society said, 'Despite the intense effort to improve the health of Moreton Bay there has been no overall improvement in Moreton Bay's water quality. We are just holding the line and not yet achieving the recovery we need to see, clearly Moreton Bay is still fragile and we need to make it more robust.'

Simon Baltais from the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland concurred, 'Moreton Bay needs to be made more robust to handle the impacts of SEQ's growing population and climatic changes.'

'It is unfortunate that the State Government failed to apply world best practice when zoning Moreton Bay, by providing only half of the 30% needed to protect Moreton Bay, it has left the bay very vulnerable to the growing pressures associated with population growth and climate change.' said Mr. Baltais.

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