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## **ECO BEACH DESIGN PHASE COMPLETE**

Over the last four years, Eco Beach has been working to realize this dream. The site is ideally suited for a world class holiday destination. Located on the southern side of Roebuck Bay, stunning views are on offer in all directions. Activities include bushwalking, ocean swimming, fishing, mud crabbing in nearby Jacks Creek, indigenous interpretive activities and horse riding. Cabins are positioned to provide guests with privacy in stunning natural surroundings.

Much development work has been done on the accommodation. The new Eco Beach will feature lightweight eco-cabins based on Karl's concepts and Paul Meschiati's designs which are now under construction in partnership with Eco Structures at the experimental Eco Research Village behind Cable Beach Club Resort.

Each cabin will offer energy efficient comfort and feature ensuite bathroom facilities. The cabins will be sited on the old resort cabin footprints and joined by walkways similar to the original resort layout.

A special feature of the new resort will be the Eco Beach Spa. The Spa will offer all the treatments expected of a resort spa including massages, healing and beauty therapies and health treatments. Its facilities and specialist staff will allow the resort to be transformed into a health retreat for visiting groups, with dietary, fitness, weight and health programs on offer.

Karl is very pleased that the 70 year lease over the site is in place, and the government has approved a new access road. Government approval for additional land for an airstrip is likely to be confirmed in six months. The airstrip will benefit the planned new resort, as it will provide better tourist access, increased opportunities for day visiting and additional safety access.

The 5,000 tree seedlings which were planted at Eco Beach four years ago, and were only 100 ml high are now 3 metres and transforming appearance of the site.

The resort's relationship with traditional owners has deepened and strengthened over the past four years. Neil McKenzie has helped with the design and planning process for the new resort and says "We are all looking forward to working with Eco Beach, which will provide training and employment opportunities for local people." Neil has also been successful in gaining a grant for preparing a business plan for a native animal rehabilitation centre to be sited adjacent to the resort.

With much of the planning process out of the way, we are looking towards the future with keen anticipation. Although refusing to commit to completion time frames we are preparing for the next phase in what will undoubtedly be another award winning tourism venture.