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GKI meeting drives resort project closer

The Great Keppel Island resort project will move a step closer tomorrow (Friday) when the project team meets to discuss water infrastructure plans for the island, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga has been told.

In response to her question in Parliament concerning progress of the Great Barrier Reef island resorts rejuvenation programme, Mrs Lauga was told by Tourism Minister Kate Jones the project team working on Great Keppel Island will be meeting with the Livingstone Shire Council Friday to talk about the infrastructure plans for Great Keppel Island ... “which is another milestone in delivering that project”.

Minister Jones praised Mrs Lauga’s commitment to the project.

“Everyone knows how passionate she is about seeing Great Keppel Island restored to its former glory.”

The Minister congratulated the project team “for the great work that is being delivered there through our Works for Queensland program (as part of the Palaszczuk Government’s \$50 million commitment to rejuvenate Great Barrier Reef island resorts).

“Yeppoon is such a great community.”

However, the Minister and Mrs Lauga were not so impressed with the Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry and her LNP government, again calling them out for their lack of support of the GKI project.

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“The federal member for Capricornia has had months and months to come on board, but we have seen zero, zilch, zip from her, which is unlike federal Labor,” said Minister Jones.

Mrs Lauga said Mrs Landry pays lip service to the idea of growth in the region but falls well short on detail and actually backing the GKI project with real money and a real commitment.

She also said the Marine Survey to charter a delivery path of the power/water pipeline from the mainland to GKI was progressing, marking another significant step forward.

“The \$25 million towards power and water to the island was an election promise I, and my government, are keeping to resurrect the resort to its former glory, create jobs and help boost the local economy.”

She said a Bill Shorten Labor government will match the State Government’s \$25 million commitment, which will be a sizeable boost to the Capricorn Coast community.

Great Keppel is one of a number of islands the Palaszczuk Government is supporting through its Great Barrier Reef Island Resorts Rejuvenation Program.

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