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## GKI to pilot lower emissions program

Great Keppel Island is leading the way as part of a pilot project aimed to lower emissions and improve resilience.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said GKI will roll out a household and resort composting system to capture 30 per cent of food waste.

“It will also create a campaign to promote sustainability to both locals and visitors and develop a climate resilience plan.”

Ms Lauga said the campaign is part of a pilot project involving four islands which provide novel environments to deliver tailored project proposals aimed at lowering emissions and improving resilience.

The other islands are Palm, Masig and Magnetic, and together they form part of the larger \$3.5 million Queensland Climate Resilient Councils (QCRC) partnership that is helping councils develop alliances and strategies to tackle climate change.

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“The islands have all begun exploring how they can reduce their emissions and waste through community-developed and led measures, while also creating jobs as part of Queensland’s COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan.

“The highly successful \$13.2 million QCoast2100 program will be expanded to defend Queensland’s coastal communities from climate change sea level rises, storm tides and coastal erosion.”

Ms Lauga said an additional \$3 million will be provided to expand the Coast2100 program, which will help 31 local councils implement their Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategies and enable councils to begin critical on ground works to safeguard coastal communities.

She said another \$500,000 provided through the QCRC grants program would help four islands to plan for and respond to the challenges and opportunities arising from climate change.

The funding boost is a partnership between the Palaszczuk Government, Local Government Association of Queensland and councils across the state to tackle climate change at a local level.

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