

## K'gari – Statement of Values

### For the Future Pests Project

The Butchulla people are the traditional custodians of K'gari (Fraser Island) and the adjacent mainland, from around Double Island Point in the south to the mouth of the Burrum River in the north, and west to Bauple Mountain.

All species of flora and fauna native to Butchulla country contribute to the healthy balance of country. While all are precious to the Butchulla people, we emphasise the protection of species that have edible, medicinal, and cultural properties. Culturally significant species include resources for ceremony, constructing shelters, utensils, tools, and weapons, species that serve as seasonal indicators, and/or contain spiritual connections to sacred stories. Weeds, pests, and pathogens threaten the health of our country, her inhabitants (flora and fauna), and certainly, our edible, medicinal, and culturally significant species. As traditional custodians, this impedes our ability to practise culture.

As Butchulla people, we have a responsibility to honour our first Lore, minyang galangoor gu djaa, kalim baya-m (what is good for the land comes first). We are committed to protecting our beautiful Butchulla country from weeds, pests, and pathogens. We can achieve this by working collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions. We wish to develop positive partnerships that honour the Butchulla peoples' Lore, sovereignty, knowledge, connections to country, and cultural values, both tangible and intangible.

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