

# MEDIA STATEMENT



THE HEART OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

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## Media Statement from Tourism Whitsundays and Whitsunday Regional Council

This morning at 10:26am AEST there was an incident involving two people in Hook Passage, we believe this was a shark incident.

Our first thoughts are with the two people involved in the incident and their welfare; as well as the other passengers and crew on the boat. On board the vessel were two passengers who are paramedics and provided immediate first aid.

Immediate counselling support was arranged for the passengers and crew, their welfare is also our priority. We would also like to commend the lightning response of our first responders and emergency services.

Their efforts have ensured the two people have been able to receive expert medical treatment very quickly.

Queensland Ambulance Service have advised that both people are in a serious but stable condition, with non-life-threatening injuries. Our priority and focus now is ensuring the welfare of these two people and until we receive accurate and detailed information regarding the incident, we are unable to make any further comment.

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