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Public facilities key to restoring Cape Richards

LOW impact public facilities should be built to replace the soon-to-be demolished Cape Richards resort on Hinchinbrook Island, says Hinchinbrook MP Nick Dametto.

Mr Dametto said facilities such as shaded areas, picnic benches, wash basins, a water pump, composting toilets, a public camping ground and a boardwalk could transform the area for visitors to Cape Richards, similar to what was been done on nearby Garden Island and Orpheus Island.

“The recent announcement by the State Government sees a commitment of \$1.3 million to clean up the Cape Richards resort and return it to national park. Here’s an opportunity to utilise the contracting companies who will be involved in the demolition to construct some low maintenance facilities which would be used and enjoyed by locals who frequent the island,” he said.

“This would give day visitors yet another reason to travel to Hinchinbrook Island and explore, all the while giving back something to the local community.”

Mr Dametto said the establishment of public day facilities at Cape Richards would also create opportunities for local tour operators to use on trips out to the island.

“Whether you’re just visiting for the day or staying overnight, Hinchinbrook Island should offer the complete visitor experience” he said.

“The end of the Cape Richards resort should be the dawn of a new era for this part of the island which the entire community can enjoy. It’s time for the State Government to reach into those pockets and spend a little more and give back to our community.

“I believe we can strike the right balance here between management of national park values and creating viable visitor attractions which incorporate public use for locals and well as out of town visitors.

“This would be a win-win for everyone.”

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Caption: The former Cape Richards resort on Hinchinbrook Island before its closure in 2010.

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