

PRL COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS REPORTING

In 2020, a community survey and consultation opportunities were completed to determine the Christmas Island community's understanding and views on mining and an array of diversification opportunities proposed by PRL. In addition, questions regarding the community's understanding of PRL's community well-being initiatives were also asked. The following provides an overall summary of key findings.



KEY STATISTICS:



194

Completed community surveys



65%

Respondents independent of PRL



INDUSTRY

All industry sectors represented by respondents

OVERALL SUPPORT OF MINING ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND



78%

In support of mining

14%

Opposed to mining

8%

No opinion

SUPPORT STATEMENTS

Respondents were asked to note which statement associated with mining was most applicable to them. Those who supported mining (78%) had four statements to choose from. The proportions of people identifying with these statements are shown to the right.

31%

I support mining on Christmas Island and would like to see it continue past 2034

8%

I support mining on Christmas Island now, but would like to see it cease at 2034.

25%

I would like to see mining on Christmas Island continue past 2034, but only if this means that the diversification projects could be implemented

14%

I would like to see mining on Christmas Island continue to 2034, but only if this means that the diversification projects could be implemented

PRL'S DIVERSIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

PRL is dedicated to supporting the long term economic and social future of Christmas Island. In order to support the future, in line with the Our Christmas Island 2030 Strategic Plan, three diversification projects are being investigated. This includes:



A proposed eco-tourism resort and solar farm;



Mountain bike tracks and support facilities across the Island; and,

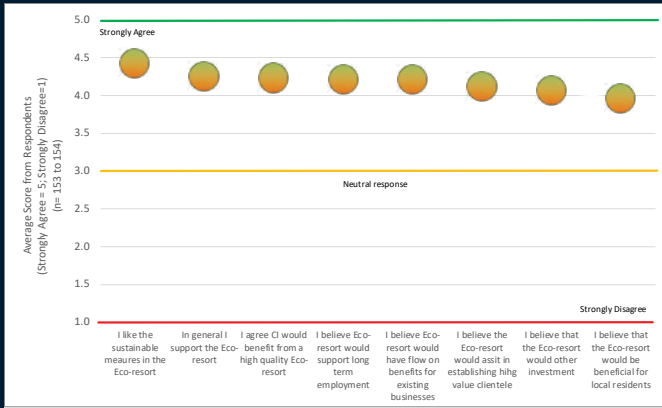


Access to small areas of unallocated crown land for mining, under the CI Strategic Assessment

Respondents awareness and support for these projects are noted overleaf.

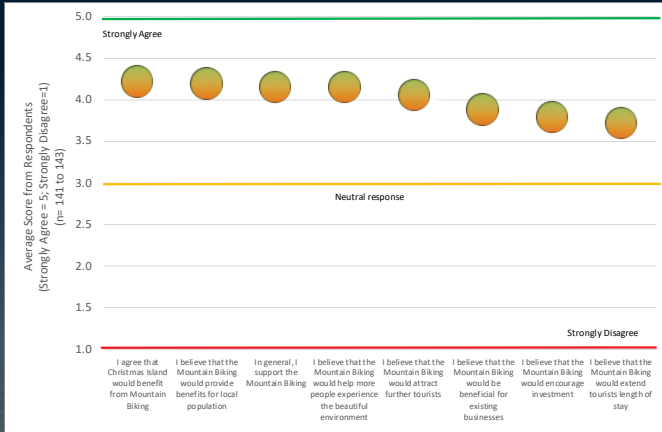
ECO-TOURISM RESORT AND SOLAR FARM

Respondents like the sustainable measures and acknowledge the likelihood of significant benefits



MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

Great local benefits, and overall positive views



ACCESS TO SMALL AREAS OF UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND FOR MINING

Mixture of views, but generally there were three times as many positive respondents compared to negative respondents



KEY STATISTICS:



86%

aware that PRL investigating projects



66%

aware of eco-tourism resort proposal



71%

aware of mountain bike track and facilities



55%

aware of mining leases proposed

PROPORTION OF RESPONDENTS WHO STRONGLY SUPPORT, SUPPORT OR ARE NEUTRAL TO DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS



96%

Eco-tourism resort and solar farm (4% not supportive)



93%

Mountain bike tracks and support facilities (7% not supportive)



78%

Access to 3 small areas of unallocated crown land for mining (22% not supportive)

AWARENESS OF PRL'S CONTRIBUTIONS

PRL currently contributes a number of ways to Christmas Island – both economically and socially. Respondents had various levels of awareness of these contributions.



60%
AWARE

PRL is responsible for a significant component of the economy on Christmas Island (Fact: PRL is responsible for approximately 47% of the Christmas Island economy. This means that they contribute around \$45 million to the economy annually)



47%
AWARE

PRL pays significant government taxes and funds (Fact: PRL pays approximately \$14 million in taxes and revenues annually to the government)



70%
AWARE

PRL employees account for almost half of the workforce on Christmas Island - both directly and indirectly (Fact: PRL employees account for 49% of the direct and indirect jobs on Christmas Island)



62%
AWARE

PRL provides considerable funds for rehabilitating sites outside its own leases, which otherwise would need to be funded by the government (or not rehabilitated at all) (Fact: As well as PRL remediating its own sites, PRL provides approx. \$1.45 million per annum via the conservation levy)



57%
AWARE

PRL funds important environmental programs (Fact: PRL provided \$1.35 million to support the feral cat eradication program, and \$1 million to Boric Acid trails to support crazy ant eradication)



65%
AWARE

PRL has invested significant funds in the agricultural sector (Fact: PRL has provided over \$1 million to agricultural projects over the last 5 years. Their MINTOPE program ran for 5 years, and currently they are partnering with Hidden Garden in a project called Island Fresh).



74%
AWARE

PRL is an important sponsor to Christmas Island District High School (Fact: PRL has provided nearly \$400,000 to school tours, bursary and student awards over the past 12 years).

AWARENESS OF PRL'S SOCIAL WELL-BEING INITIATIVES / PROGRAMS

In 2020, PRL announced its new community development program - 'Our Community, Our Future'. The program is the company's recognition of the vital role in sustaining the Island's economic and community wellbeing and PRL's commitment to continuing to develop a sustainable future for Christmas Island. Updates on the initiatives are included in PRL's newsletter Berita Lah!

KEY STATISTICS:



66%

aware of the Our Community, Our Future



86-56%

awareness of certain programs



40%

respondents indicated they had benefited from PRL's program (in over 135 instances)





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