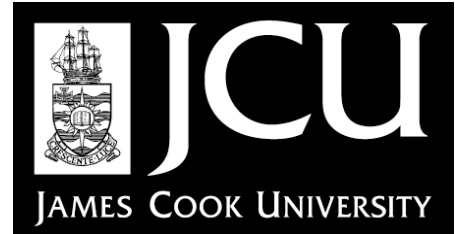




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### Have your say on our rainforests

James Cook University researchers want to hear locals' views on the management and protection of the rainforests of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

3300 surveys have been distributed to communities from Townsville to Port Douglas seeking feedback, with Cairns households due to be surveyed in September and October.

Project Manager and JCU tourism researcher Julie Carmody said that although response to the survey had been good, she hoped to hear back from more residents.

"We value comments by locals, and the more surveys we get back, the better understanding we will have of why people value the area, how locals feel about its management and how it's presented," Ms Carmody said.

"The results will help keep the managers of the rainforests in touch with the views of the local community," she said.

The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and all responses are anonymous, Ms Carmody said.

Residents who would like to obtain and complete a survey can do so by contacting Julie Carmody at JCU on 4042 1535 or e-mail [julie.carmody@jcu.edu.au](mailto:julie.carmody@jcu.edu.au).

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