

COMMERCIAL, CORPORATE & MEDIA FILMING FOR MORETON ISLAND NATIONAL PARK AND MORETON BAY MARINE PARK



Whilst Tangalooma Island Resort is not responsible for the management or enforcement of filming permits on Moreton Island or upon Moreton Bay Marine Park, the resort likes to ensure film crews that are organising such a shoot through Tangalooma Island Resort (including accommodation and / or transport to shoot locations) who wish to film in these areas outside of the resort boundaries are compliant with all Queensland Government and Queensland Parks & Wildlife Services (QPWS) regulations regarding such shoots.

It is not the responsibility of Tangalooma Island Resort to organise such permits on behalf of film crews, and all such permits must be provided to the resort before any formal approval can be granted by the resort to support such a shoot. All approval documentation must be carried and presented on any shoot supported by the resort when requested by QPWS officials, government officials, or resort staff.

Tangalooma Island Resort management reserve the right to cancel or suspend any organisational, transportation or logistical support to film crews filming in these areas (at full cost to the client) if it's reasonably assumed that such required permits have not been secured prior to film shoots. Tangalooma Island Resort also accepts no responsibility for any breaches of compliance by the film crew or client being found to be in breach of such restrictions.

Activities that DO NOT require a permit in adjacent National/Marine Park

At the time of issuing this policy the Queensland Government website states that all Commercial filming and photography on National Parks, Recreation Areas (including Moreton Island and Moreton Bay Marine Park) involving up to 10 people, with no structures, does not require a permit to conduct Commercial Activity (CAP), however all film crews are now required to submit an online filming and photography notification at least 14 days prior to the shoot (see Filming and Photography notification below).

Filming and Photography Notification

Please note all film crews (irrespective of permit requirements) must now submit an online filming and photography notification at least 14 days before entering a Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service managed area – regardless of permit requirements. The notification is used to inform local rangers in case of an emergency (e.g. fire), and the First Nations People, to ensure culturally sensitive areas are not being filmed. Tangalooma Island Resort reserves the right to request advice of the approved notification if transporting crews outside of the resort boundaries for filming purposes.

For more information and to lodge a notification, please go to the Queensland Government website below:

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/hospitality-tourism-sport/tourism/starting-up/regulations/parks-recreation-forests/filming-photography>

It is the responsibility of the organisers of such film shoots to be aware of the legalities of filming in these areas outside the resort, and Tangalooma Island Resort takes no responsibility for any breach of law when a photoshoot is held outside the resort property. At the time of issuing this notice – the most up to date information on these rules can be found at the Queensland Government website here:

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<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/hospitality-tourism-sport/tourism/starting-up/regulations/parks-recreation-forests/commercial-activity-permit>

Activities that DO require a permit in adjacent National/Marine Park

At the time of issuing this policy the Queensland Government website states that activity outside the above parameters (eg, commercial advertising, feature films, 11 or more people, drone over 2kg, filming involving structures etc) will require permission from the Department of National Parks and you must apply for a commercial activity permit (CAP) to film. This must be obtained prior to your arrival. An application for a commercial Activity Permit must be filled in online and **can take up to 40 business days to process** and some fees may apply. For further details, and instructions on how to apply for a permit with relevant fees please visit the Queensland Government website here.

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Drone (Remotely Piloted Aircraft) usage on Moreton Island and Moreton Bay

Further to the National/Marine park rules issued by the Queensland Government, film crews looking to use drones (remotely piloted aircraft) to capture imagery around Moreton Island should familiarise themselves with the Tangalooma Island Resort drone policy (<https://www.tangalooma.com/drones>) and must also be aware of their legal obligations in using/flying such equipment under the legislation governed by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. Tangalooma Island Resort takes no responsibility for any breach of such regulations.

Information regarding CASA's regulations for Remotely Piloted Aircraft can be found at <https://www.casa.gov.au/aircraft/landing-page/flying-drones-australia>

Notes on Drone photography of Dolphins & Whales

The Commonwealth Department of Environment & Energy published the [Australian National Guidelines for Whale and Dolphin Watching \(2017\)](#), which explains that all aircraft, including drones, may cause a disruption to marine life due to their speed, noise, shadow or downdraft. The guidelines state "drones" are considered to be "aircraft" (not helicopters).

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This means people operating drones near whales and dolphins must abide by the following requirements. The drone must not:

- Fly lower than 300 metres (1000 feet) and within a 300 metre radius of a whale or dolphin
- Approach the whale or dolphin from head on
- Land on the water within 300 metres of a whale or dolphin

Finally, the guidelines explain that a person who wishes to operate a drone in close proximity to a whale or dolphin will need to apply for a permit from the Department of the Environment and Energy (in Commonwealth waters) or the relevant state or territory government (in coastal waters).

