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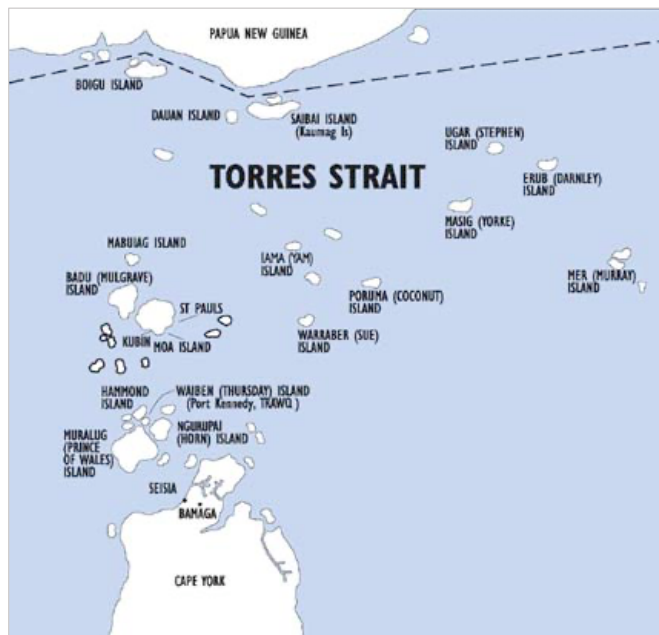
### LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP CO-CHAIRS WELCOME EXPEDIATED VACCINATIONS TO AUSTRALIA'S BORDER



Earlier today (11/03/21), Co-Chairs Mayor Pillemon Mosby and Mayor Vonda Malone met with strategic agencies and key members of the of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Local Disaster Management Groups, where they welcomed the news of expediated COVID-19 vaccinations for communities within the Torres Strait.

The Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) will have the AstraZeneca vaccine available within the Boigu, Dauan and Saibai communities within the Torres Strait from Monday (15/03/21) and will then progressively work throughout remaining communities within the region over a 6-week period.

Whilst receiving the vaccine is voluntary, both Mayor Mosby and Mayor Malone **“strongly advocate for our community members to get vaccinated, highlighting the risk posed by the close proximity to the PNG border and our need to protect our high number of elderly and other vulnerable residents”**.



All regional agencies and members of the Local Disaster Management Groups will be assisting TCHHS to distribute key communications and information. Communities are encouraged to keep up to date with information from the following channels:

- Local Health Centres
- Visiting the Australian Department of Health's website: [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)
- Visiting the QLD Government's COVID-19 website: [www.qld.gov.au/covid19vaccine](http://www.qld.gov.au/covid19vaccine)

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