

# Heavy Equipment Management Training Program



**Location**  
Torres Strait, Queensland

**Client**  
Island Coordinating Council

**Project Value**  
\$12 Million

**Start Date**  
June 2000

**Office Responsible**  
Cairns

**Responsibilities**  
Black & More provides program management services, civil engineering review, expert purchasing, program development and coordination

## Project Scope

In 2000 the Torres Strait Heavy Equipment Management and Training Program was developed to offer more than just service support and training to the Councils of the Torres Strait.

The vision of a movable Torres Strait Plant & Equipment Pool which would be available to all 17 Communities and would assist Councils by providing serviceable plant and operator training in an equitable and cost effective manner was innovative and responsive to community needs.

Integral to the success of HEMTP is the partnership of the Australian & State Governments and the Torres Strait Communities.

Black & More's involvement as the Program Manager has entailed:

- program development;
- coordination of detailed project planning;
- construction review;
- budget management and
- community consultation.

The Program is now in its seventh year of operation. In that period it has been accepted within the region as a major contributor to Community infrastructure development and one of the few avenues for Community members to gain accredited civil construction training and licensing.

In 2007, at the request of the Torres Strait Communities the Program adjusted its focus from the larger capital works infrastructure projects to Community infrastructure maintenance and minor capital works. This Program is a great example of stakeholders working together and responding to the needs of the Torres Strait Communities.



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