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TRACKS IN THE SAND: TRANSPORT ISSUES ON FRASER ISLAND

How do people get around on the world's largest sand island?

At the moment the choices are walking or 4WD, and it's the 4WDs, particularly the large buses, that are causing both erosion and concern.

Would a light rail system on Fraser Island help with the issue of transporting visitors around one of Queensland's most popular tourist sites? David Jehan isn't saying yes or no.

However, the engineer and author, who has devoted his life to studying and working on rail systems will bring a wealth of knowledge to his presentation on 'Rails through the wilderness'. Jehan's presentation is part of 'A 2020 Vision for Fraser Island', a conference on the future of beautiful World Heritage-listed Fraser Island hosted by the Fraser Island Defenders Organisation.

Featuring sessions on World Heritage values and obligations, transport, wildlife issues and tourism in protected areas, the conference will emphasise the actions that must be taken now to ensure that a vision of Fraser Island's natural beauty and World Heritage values will still be viable in 2020. Details of the conference are available at www.fido.org.au/2020

A 2020 Vision for Fraser Island: A new focus for the Great Sandy World Heritage Area will be held at Noosa Lakes Resort on 12 August 2004. Registration forms and details are available from the FIDO website: www.fido.org.au/2020

FIDO President Dr Ian Matthews and FIDO Treasurer Terry Hampson are available for interview.

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