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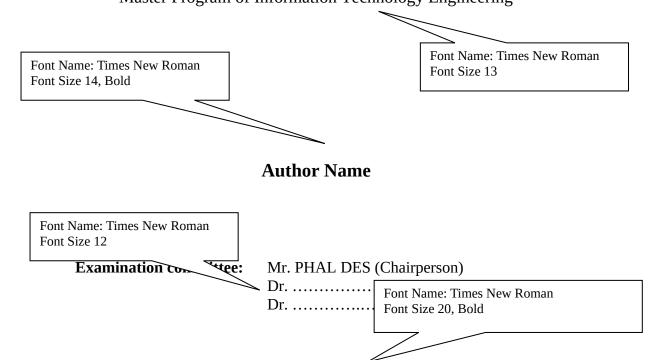
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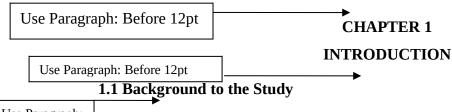
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Situated between Cardwell and Ingham the Hinchinbrook area incorporates the southern section of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (WHA), Hinchinbrook Island and the Hinchinbrook Channel. The area is uniquely favored in having two contrasting World Heritage listed areas lying side by side, and is filled with many wilderness qualities and values (Wet Tropics Management Authority, 1992). Hinchinbrook Island and Channel represent one of the most valuable, yet accessible wilderness areas in Australia. The areas offered spectacular, unspoilt scenery, which provides the setting for diversity of recreational experiences in crowded conditions.

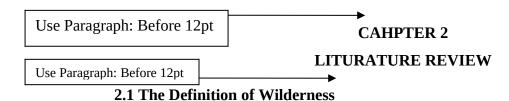
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From the recreation point of view, Hinchinbrook Island and Channel can provide a true wilderness experience. Sustainable recreation use is permitted and encouraged on Hinchinbrook Island to provide a rang of appropriate, but different opportunities ranging from the resort to the wilderness experience. All visitor activity and infrastructure is designed a minimal impact on the natural environment, with a very large part of the park being manages as a wilderness area. The issues of wilderness are very important for the future protection and conservation of the island, as well as the assessment of tourism development. All management decision must work in accordance with this definition of wilderness and its values, if Hinchinbrook Island is remain as a wilderness area.

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#### 1.2 Problem Statement

In common with many other areas in Queensland, there has been increasing visitor pressure placed on Hinchinbrook Island. An Increasing is use beyond the limits of carrying capacity will result in the loss of the many values inherent to the area. Current proposals for resort developments on the mainland have the potential to impact on the values of Hinchinbrook Island and Channel. Demands for use are likely to increase to the level beyond the sustainable capacity of the area, and the point may be reached where the.......



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There is no universal definition of 'wilderness'. The identification of wilderness remains an elusive concept which changes over time with societal values. It is, however, important that the definition be clear, as it provides a basis for common understanding and communication, with regard to the identification of wilderness areas (Hall, 1992). Definition of Wilderness have been constructed by a variety of sources, such as the Australia Conservation Foundation, which like other commentator, describe wilderness as "a large tract of primitive country with its land and water and its native plant and animal communities substantially unmodified by humans and their work" (Davis,1989). However, such a definition fails to take in to account, the marine environment, and other remaining vegetation patches, both of which have qualities that maybe considered as wilderness. Wilderness areas usually categorized as distinct environment settings using a combination of three attributes — naturalness, remoteness and size (Robertson, Vang and Brown, 1992). In this context, wilderness is defined as an area where access is limited and the impact of contemporary man is absent or minimal.

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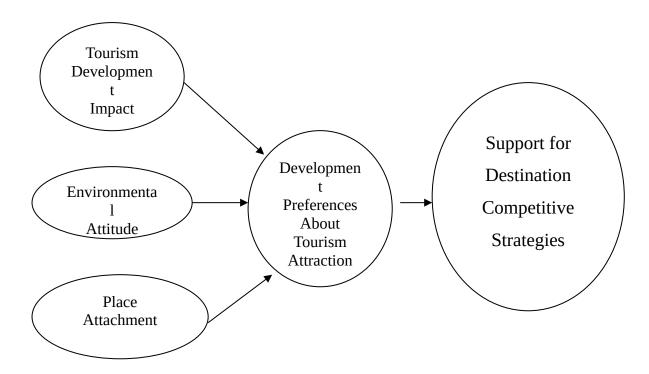
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"The protection of wilderness areas in Australia has been hindered by uncertainty as to what constitutes a wilderness area, and how the quality of the wilderness areas can be assessed" (Lesslie, 1991). For this reason, progress in the identification of Australia's wilderness areas has been remarkably slow (Robertson et al., 1992). The first attempts to identify the wilderness areas in Australia were largely a response to the American wilderness inventories of the late 1920's and early 1930's. During this time, reserves similar to the U.S.D.A. by Sydney-based conservationist groups (Mosley, 1978). Although this was an important step toward the recognition of wilderness in Australia, it is probably that............

**Table 5.2 Prioritization of Elements in the Mission of Heritage Attractions** 

3.50	Second Round		Third Round		
Mission	Mean Score	Rank	Mean Score	Rank	Change
Conservation	1.73	1	1.27	1	-
Accessibility	3.40	2	3.07	2	-
Education	4.60	4	4.00	3	1
Relevance	5.33	6	5.07	6	-
Recreation	5.80	7	5.67	7	-
Finance	4.00	3	4.27	4	1
Local Community	6.07	8	5.73	8	-
Quality	4.73	5	4.33	5	-
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**Figure 3.2 Structural Model of Tourism Destination Competitiveness** 

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