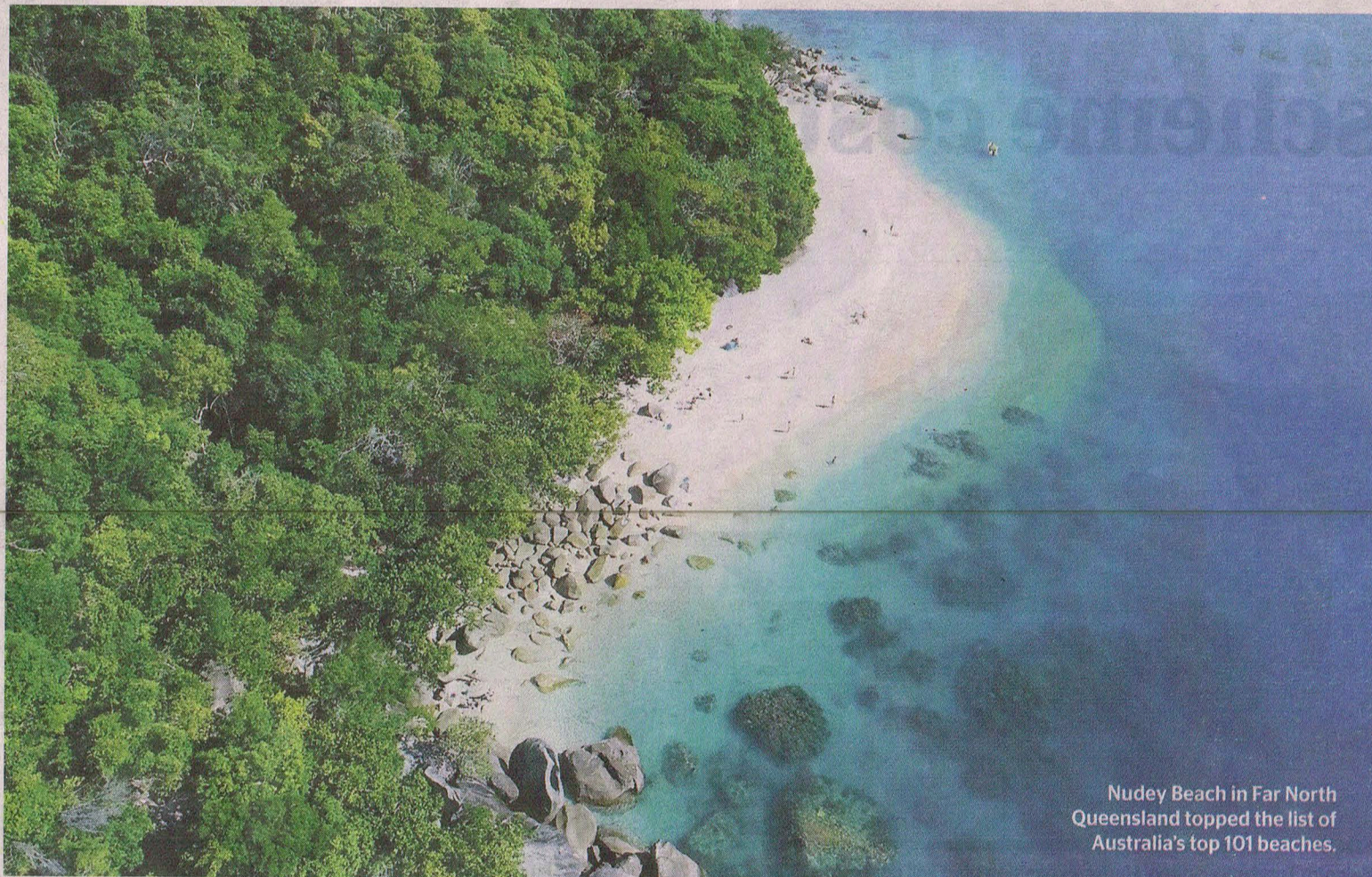


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Nudey Beach in Far North Queensland topped the list of Australia's top 101 beaches.

Support for stadium plan modest, poll suggests

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The Berejiklian government's plan to tear down and replace two Sydney stadiums has the strong support of 4 per cent of the state, according to a survey by a market research firm.

And the \$2 billion plan is opposed by 67 per cent of respondents, according to the online survey of more than 1300 people.

The survey was conducted by Micromex Research and Consulting, whose clients include local councils and state government agencies.

The firm's managing director, Stu Reeve, said he conducted the survey because his interest was triggered by what looked to be a strong public reaction to Premier Gladys Berejiklian's announcement of the stadium plan last month. For instance, an online petition organised by *Herald* columnist Peter FitzSimons has attracted more than 150,000 signatures.

"That evidence and this evidence would suggest it is very out of place with the community's perception of what should be done," Mr Reeve said.

The survey gauged the views of Micromex's existing panel of participants. Four per cent of respondents

Former nude beach named Australia's best

Annie Dang

Nudey Beach in Far North Queensland, once a nude bathing beach, has been named the country's No.1 beach by

Australia's beach expert, Brad Farmer.

The white coral beach with only a small stretch of sand, located on Fitzroy Island, some 29 kilometres south of Cairns, scored the top spot in the 2018 Australia's top 101

beaches list, out of 11,761 beaches. Ranking was scored according to three criteria - affordability, accessibility and authenticity - and included beaches that have a "yet to be discovered" element.

Farmer, a conservationist, has

been travelling to and researching Australian beaches for over 30 years. He and his colleague Professor Andy Short, a coastal geomorphologist, have spent the past several months travelling the country to assess beaches for the list.