

Dear committee members,

I wanted to update you about the posts on the Fight for the Reef website and their facebook page.

As you are probably aware on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November the Queensland government banned the sea dumping of capital dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

Fight for the reef were very quick to post about their 'victory'. Please see attachment labelled ffr fb post 121115.

Today, 16/11/15 they have released a media statement which is posted onto their website <https://fightforthereef.org.au/landmark-victory-for-the-reef-and-people-power-as-dredge-spoil-dump-ban-passed-in-qld-parliament/>

Yet, they have still not managed to change the wording on their donation page.

<https://fightforthereef.org.au/reef-fighting-fund/>

Copy attached with date circled. Label ffr161115.

The donations from this group are paid to Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS). I personally believe that they are gaining funds through deception.

This is the statement on their donation page **“And yet the Government has allowed the dumping of 3 million cubic metres of dredged seabed from Abbot Point in the Reef's marine park.”**

The current proposal for capital dredging at Abbot Point is still under consideration by Mr Hunt's office. The amount has been reduced to 1.1 million cubic metres. The disposal site is onshore at a site known as T2 which is industrial land at the port.

They are misleading the public to gain donations for a 'legal fighting fund' and yet a decision has not even been made.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Yours faithfully,  
Kylie Smith



# Register of Environmental Organisations Submission 676 - Supplementary Submission

12 November at 16:12

We did it!

The Queensland Parliament just voted through the Sustainable Ports Development Act that bans industrial dredge spoil dumping in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

This means that as of today, we've stopped up to 46 million cubic metres of dirty dredge spoil being dumped in our precious Reef's waters.

Together we rallied, wore silly costumes and emailed and called our politicians till our voices were heard.

It's been a long fight and we couldn't have done it without you.

Today we made it just a little bit harder to wreck the Reef.



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We know the Reef is in a fragile condition. We know that the majority of Australians want the Reef protected.

And yet the Government has allowed the dumping of 3 million cubic metres of dredged seabed from Abbot Point in the Reef's marine park.

Our political leaders have shown they can't be trusted to do the right thing and protect it.

**Will you stand with us and continue the fight?**

We must step it up - fight harder, fight stronger and fight smarter for the Reef before it's too late.

That's why we're asking you to join the Reef legal fighting team and provide an urgent donation so our action can match the size of the enormous task ahead.

## BE PART OF THE REEF LEGAL FIGHTING TEAM

Top of our list is a legal challenge to stop the Abbot Point dredging and dumping going ahead. An act of global environmental vandalism like this should not be legal - help us take on the fight to show that it isn't.

### FAQs

#### How does donating money help?

Now the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has caved under the Government's pressure, the last option available to us is an official court challenge.

But legal battles are long and expensive, and the fees will be considerable. That's why Fight for the Reef is asking you to dig deep – any support you can give allows us to cover printing costs, court fees, and will allow expert witnesses to provide evidence. It can make the difference in this court case.

#### How will the legal fight/fund work?

This threat to our native marine life has brought together environmental organisations from all over Australia – from GetUp! to WWF to the AMCS and more. If all of us together can raise the funds necessary, we'll be sure of a good shot at beating this thing in the courts. Any extra funds beyond legal costs will go into further campaigning in defence of the Reef.

#### Other organisations are asking for money too, who should I donate to?

There are a number of organisations pooling resources for a legal fighting fund. Any donation will go towards defending the Reef – but if you like Fight for the Reef's work, we'd welcome your support.

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- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
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