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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

(One-stop-shop) What will GBRMPA's role in supporting the implementation of the Government's deregulation agenda mean for approvals for activities in or near the Reef? How will this work with regards to GBRMPA's legislative powers?

**Answer:**

The GBRMPA's role will remain unchanged. The GBRMPA will continue to implement the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of the Environment for streamlining decision making when both an *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* approval and *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* permission are required. The GBRMPA will continue to provide advice on projects that happen outside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park which may have a significant impact on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

GBRMPA will enter into a MoU with the State of Queensland to achieve a similar level of involvement for decisions made under the approvals bilateral.

There will be no change with regards to GBRMPA's legislative powers.