

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Outcome:** Agency  
**Programme:** Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority  
**Topic:** Mr Palmer's threats to sue the Reef Authority  
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**Senator Waters asked:**

Regarding media reports that Mr Clive Palmer has threatened to sue GBRMPA if the Authority 'exerted authority over the operations' of Yabulu refinery which the Authority has found to have illegally discharged toxic waste to the Reef, has any Minister or ministerial adviser provided any direction, guidance or encouragement (either verbally or in writing) to any GBRMPA officials on how the Authority might respond to this issue, and particularly on the question of whether enforcement action should be taken against Mr Palmer and his company?

**Answer:**

The Minister or Ministers Advisors have not provided any direction, guidance or encouragement to Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority) officials on how the Authority might respond to enforcement actions against Queensland Nickel.