

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Agency
Programme: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Topic: Seagrass offsets
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Question Type: Written

Senator Waters asked:

1. How many permits issued by GBRMPA have included conditions requiring offsets for damage to seagrasses in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and/ or the GBR World Heritage Area?
2. For each permit, please describe:
 - a) The project name and reference number
 - b) The year(s) the offset was implemented (or is due to be implemented)
 - c) The year the damaging activity commenced (or is due to commence)
 - d) The nature of the offset (ie what is being offset and how it is being offset)
 - e) The monitoring or auditing of the offset/s that has taken place to date.
 - f) The extent to which any of these offsets has resulted in rehabilitation of seagrasses or protection of seagrasses

Answer:

GBRMPA has issued no permits with offset conditions for seagrass. GBRMPA permits routinely contain conditions to avoid or mitigate impacts on seagrass.