

Dear Senator McEwan,

Please accept this submission to the inquiry into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008.

As can be seen from my below sign off, I am a marine industry person. I have been in the Marine Industry for 40 years and have major concerns on the manner in which the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park was originally evoked with basically zero consultation with Industry and NO scientific realism involved.

I will not go into all the areas that need to be addressed in great length, as I am sure you are well aware from others who have greater knowledge of the stupid situation that exist then me. By bullet point, following are the headings of those items that must be addressed,

- **Criminal Convictions**, Government madness on everyday Australians, must be reversed.
- **Powers to Inspect**, This is out of balance and needs to be dropped.
- **Definition of fishing**, The Act doesn't just ban fishing in a green zone, it bans even looking for a fish. That means turning on a sounder, is illegal. More stupidity and a law that must be eliminated.
- **Legal Defence**, It says if you are in green zone you know the boundaries, yet they are not marked. This Bill takes away basic legal rights and is not fair or right. I suggest you arrange to strike out the clauses.
- **3 strikes and you are out**, This is excessive and needs to be knocked out of the Act.
- **Precautionary Principle**, Complained were made that the green zones were not based on science – fishers were asked where they caught fish - suggesting they wanted to make sure they didn't take those areas, that's how they made up the green zones. No science at all because they had none. Once again this clause needs to be removed.
- **The goals**, The biggest change is the goals. It suddenly changed from sharing and 'wise use' to conservation. We need shared responsible "wise use" nothing less. All the other proposed EPA and marine parks seem to be following GBRMPA. The last lot of zoning cost the government over \$250m. What will all this cost our economy and our Australian lifestyle? As Australian's lets get real.

Regards

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