

5th September 2008

Senator McEwen, Chair

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
by email to eca.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator McEwen,

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

I have just about had a gut full of the bureaucrats, government bodies and tree huggers that have seemed to have lost touch with the real world.

Growing up my Dad worked a lot, so the only quality father son time we got was on the weekends, when we would go Diving and Fishing together.

I'm now 27, been a boat builder for 10 years, and have a great respect for the ocean and sea life below.

I am all for not destroying the reef and other water ways around Australia, but stopping Fishing is not the answer. Where does the Marine Parks and Government get off telling us where we can and can't Fish or go boating. This government has lost touch with reality, and if they continue down this path of stopping everything that makes us Australian, then I can see a social collapse of society.

Because what is the point of working and paying taxes if this government won't let us live and enjoy life.

Maybe these people should put down there pens and go out for a fish, then they would realise it is not all Rape and Pillage of the ocean, the people who go fishing are actually more in touch with Nature then they could ever be.

Also if you ban the people from fishing, then they won't buy Fishing Boats. (Funny that I build and design Fishing boats) so if no one is fishing, then no one is buying boats..... Crap!!! I won't have a Job and neither will a lot of other Australians.

GET A LIFE AND LEAVE THE REST OF US ALONE.

Regards,

Cain Dixon