

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference the GBRMPA & Other Legislation Amendment Bill, I would like to place my comments on record.

I strongly object to the following:

1. Giving GBRMPA new emergency powers when they have clearly shown by their past behaviour that they cannot adequately manage the powers they have already been given;
2. Giving GBRMPA the authority to close reefs or other areas without fully documented, justifiable, scientific reasons for doing so;
3. The definition of fishing that could stop me from using a Sounder (commonly called a Fish Finder) when traversing a Green Zone. It should be noted that a Sounder can also be used as a navigation instrument to supplement chart and GPS data and can therefore enhance the safety of a vessel.
4. Persons other than Police Officers being given the power to frisk people.

I fully support the removal of criminal convictions from recreational fishermen who were found to be fishing in a Green Zone.

Yours faithfully,

*Shane Flynn*