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In the past , we saw the reef and decided to exploit it for the glory of man. Now we know differently. When will the destruction of our environment stop? This environment is necessary for our quality of life. Continued development of the reef cannot continue without making the world a worst place for all, including humans. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the very few remaining natural wonders of the world. It needs to be protected and the World Heritage Committee has made recommendations that need to be followed. It is essential for maintaining biodiversity and the health of our eco system and our very existence. As such any further development whether it be ports, drilling, or fishing will destroy all we currently enjoy.

I therefore wish to add my support to the bill introduced by Senator Waters which calls for;

- no new developments until we have a long-term science-based plan for the sustainable development of the Reef has been completed;
- no new ports in pristine areas; specifically protecting Port Alma, Balaclava Island, northern Curtis Island, and the entire Northern section of the Reef; and
- no port expansions where the impacts, of the individual project or cumulatively, would affect the World Heritage value of the Reef.

Regards
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