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## **To the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage**

### **Support For Ratification on behalf of Brisbane B.S.A.C to JSCOT Committee Protection of Underwater Heritage**

#### **About Us**

We are a Scuba Diving Club Based in Brisbane Sixty Members We are a branch Training organisation of BSAC .We have a number of special interest groups Environmental Protection and Appreciation plus We have Members who are trained in Underwater Archaeology NAS Part 1 as Well as fifteen Members who completed G.I.R.T. Course in Citizen Science and three trained in Photogrammetry of Shipwrecks.

We are focused and committed to supporting State and Federal efforts to protect historic Shipwrecks and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders submerged artefacts.

We are actively working by means of caring and observing Underwater Heritage and reporting the condition to our Queensland Underwater Heritage government department and also G.I.R.T.

#### **Support**

We as an interested group wish to pledge our support to protect our underwater heritage by supporting the efforts of the interested parties who are submitting the convention that has been tabled to the Australian Parliament to be ratified.

#### **Reasoning behind our support**

As a United Country Australia calls on its many cultures inclusive of traditional owners of the land, Many Migrants came in recent times and have struggled to establish themselves under arduous conditions with the help of the original custodians of the land. We as descendants of these people have to understand and appreciate all of these Australians and learn from our peoples of the past by understanding the cultural heritage they left behind, Which includes Shipwrecks and Underwater Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Artefacts of Cultural Heritage

It is our duty to respect these artefacts and preserve them for future Australians.

We therefore support the convention for protection of cultural heritage

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