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Submission on supplementary information to the environmental impact statement-Shute Harbour Marina Resort

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The EIS and SEIS which have been prepared for the Shute Harbour Marina Resort proposal do not adequately address the environmental impacts that the approval of this proposal would have on the ecology of Shute Harbour.

The SHMR proposal, therefore, should not be permitted to proceed:

ENVIRONMENT

The proponents in the SEIS claim the proposal conserves the environmental values of Shute Harbour. However, the proposal would remove seagrass, mangroves, benthic colonies on the seabed and coral reefs. It would involve ongoing dredging every couple of years. It would change tidal and current flow within the wider bay. It has the potential to seriously degrade water quality. The only base-line environmental data presented on Shute Harbour was collected in 2007. The accuracy of this data was challenged in a lengthy submission by the 'Save Our Foreshores' group in 2010. The SEIS makes no attempt to update any of the environmental data. Without good baseline data it will be impossible to determine the effect that the development has had on Shute Harbour in coming years.

There measures suggested within the EIS and SEIS to address the impacts of the development are inadequate to prevent serious disturbance of the Shute Harbour ecosystem and possible impact on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

I do not believe that this proposal satisfies the need to protect this unique World Heritage environment adequately.

Signature:	
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