

Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services *Inquiry into Maritime Salvage in Australian Waters*.

Given the potential for shipping incidents in and adjacent to the sensitive marine resources of the inner route of the Great Barrier Reef and offshore in the Coral Sea, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is concerned that the current emergency response towage capacity within the Great Barrier Reef may be less than that required to adequately respond to some incident scenarios within acceptable timeframes.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority strongly supports an enhanced towage regime that would reduce the potential risk of impact on the environment and shipping assets.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority appreciates the opportunity to enclose the attached submission for consideration by the Committee (Attachment A).

Yours sincerely

John Tanzer
Acting Chair