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Senator Waters asked:

1. Previously, GBRMPA has expressed a desire to put in quantitative limits on offshore dumping of maintenance dredging. Since there are about 1 million m³ of maintenance dredge spoil dumped in the Reef every year, what level are you proposing?
2. Are you still hopeful of getting hard limits included?

Answer:

1. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority understands that quantitative limits have been examined as part of the development of the maintenance dredging framework.
2. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority believes that port master planning processes currently underway should provide additional information about future maintenance dredge material disposal requirements.