

*7th September 2008
The Secretary
The Senate Standing Committee on Environment,
Communications and the Arts
By EMAIL TO eca.sen@aph.gov.au*

**SUBMISSION On,
THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK & OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2008.**

I would like this as a record of my disapproval of the proposed changes/amendments to the above mentioned legislation.

My first objection is to the change of definition of "Fishing" which will now include a much broader range of terms and conditions that surely will only lead to more confusion and wrongful convictions and fines, please do not allow this to happen.

I also do not believe that a change from scientific fact to precautionary principle will improve the current already confused and over regulated situation most fishermen/women currently find themselves in every time they head out for a day on the water.

Please don't let the GBRMPA make any further detrimental changes to what was a simple pleasure. Please prevent them from taking total control over a past-time most Australian's once saw as "one of those simple things in life".

I love my family, I love fishing and I love my country but GBRMPA is slowly eating away at the fabric that holds them together, please say no and don't let them destroy what we have left!

Yours sincerely

Melissa Royle