

7 th September 2008

Dear Senator McEwen,

Please accept this submission into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008-09-07

It was with great disgust that I have learned of the new proposals of GBRUMPA once again trying to sneak legislation through without proper consultation .

I am a married recreational fisherman with three children and I also help teach children to fish and look after the habitats through the local Landcare group who all volunteer their time and money to help make this a better country for them in the future. I can only hope that it is a GBRUMPA crew and their known associates who are lost in the green zone that will not be allowed to "fish" for them if this legislation comes into force. Are they worried that the "Precautionary Principle" might be shown up as a red herring if people can see that there has been no improvement in areas that is not reef which would have held the fish stocks anyway. If we are serious about the "Environment" then perhaps Mr Rudd can use the GBRUMPA budget to help finance this.

Should this "anti fishing law" be enacted I would think the sleeping giant will be awakened as I'm sure the public will not want to see another \$250 million plus cost to the community as well as the cost to our community and lifestyle

Senator I hope that you will give great thought to their proposals during the process.

Yours Faithfully

Ray Hoon