

Dear Senator McEwen,

My name is Mark Bargaquast. Please accept this submission towards the marine park amendments.

I live here in Hervey Bay with my wife Denise and two children Jackson 6 and daughter Georgie 4. What has happened to the labour party we all voted for all these years, they now seem to represent the green vote NOT the working man who enjoys weekends with his children! Sorry this is a FACT and is slowly being echoed by more and more people.

I have been operating as a fishing guide (mainly Japanese and American clients) for two years now as well as operating an excavator for a timber harvesting company part time to make wages, I am writing this letter/submission and am waiting for your reply.

**CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS-** How does a person who is fishing, whether he is in a zone or not compare with a murderer or an armed robber, this is very worrying for families, I simply cannot believe this is even on paper. Not all people survive on a senators salary and some have trouble fuelling there boat to take the kids fishing (this is lifestyle here in Queensland) let alone purchase a chart GPS for there tinnys. Australia is for all of us taxpayers to enjoy not just a handful of green votes.

**POWERS TO INSPECT-** Like most Australian taxpayers, I do respect the laws, I have never even had a speeding fine BUT I am dammed if I will let an EPA person frisk search me without a bloody fight, that is just ridiculous and I do not accept this at all.

**DEFINATION OF FISHING-** This new policy the greenies wish for defines fishing as even looking for fish? What crap, if I have a tourist and we are in a green zone/seagrass flat and I am slowly idling about looking to show them turtles and dugong, which they often ask to see, will I get prosecuted for looking?

**LEGAL DEFENCE-** As far as I am concerned I should have as much right as any other person to be proven innocent until proven guilty!

**PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPAL-** The sky is falling. The sky is falling! If we believe the greenies then the earth is doomed and the barrier reef will die in two years unless we stop breathing so why even try to protect it! Enjoy it now, and I bet it will still be here in 50 years.  
**COMMONSENSE**

That's my view senator, I am sorry I am putting it as I see it, I am not a very good writer but I do believe we are heading down the wrong track with conservation. Locking everything up and alienating the public will come back to haunt Australian politics one day.

Thank you.

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