

**To The Secretary  
The Senate Environment, communications, Information Technology and the  
Arts Committee**

I am writing to urge the Committee to recommend that an Indigenous representative be retained on the Marine Park Authority.

As Indigenous People were and still are the traditional and original custodians of the Great Barrier Reef, nearby Islands and adjacent mainland it is imperative that they be represented on the Authority. Many of the indigenous people in the region still access the land and waters for their living and certainly for culture.

It seems to me it would be a loss to the Board not to have the views of Indigenous people heard directly at Board meetings where decisions are made.

Yours sincerely  
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