

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern about the legislation currently before the Senate which will amend the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act to remove the requirement for the Marine Park Authority to include a representative of Indigenous people and communities adjacent to the Park.

I believe that an Indigenous representative is an essential part of this decision making team to ensure that Indigenous concerns are considered. Indigenous issues are just as important, although not necessarily the same, as mainstream management objectives and as such must be adequately addressed. An Indigenous representative I believe is the only fair and effective way to ensure this.

I ask you to please consider this when the legislation is being assessed.

Yours faithfully,

Leonie Maddigan