

I am writing to express my concern at the potential loss of the Aboriginal/Indigenous representative on the GBRMPA Board.

If this organisation is to manage the GBRMP resources etc, the interests of the Traditional Owners do need to be represented. There is already one Traditional Use of Marine Resource Agreement signed and several more in the process, not to mention the potential of Native Title claims over GBR sea country.

I maintain a database of Future Act Notices for the Giringun Aboriginal Corporation and frequently see applications for permits for new activities in the marine park. Without a Traditional Owner representative on the GBRMPA Board, how will the voices of concerned Traditional Owners be heard?

Thanking You,

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