

I wish to register my concern at the proposal to remove indigenous representation from the direct management under statute, of the Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Whereas indigenous comment might be drawn from other advisory groups connected with the federal government it remains a retrograde step to remove provision for more immediate and regular participation by Indigenous Representatives in on-going management decisions affecting the Marine Park.

Given the acknowledged sixty thousand years of involvement by Indigenous people in custodianship of the land of the Continent of Australia, including waters included within Australian territorial zones, and in particular, those encompassed within the Barrier Reef Marine Park, any diminution of the Indigenous People's role in governing national and Marine Parks, and this in particular, would represent a retrograde step for Australia, a further humiliation and insult to Indigenous citizens, and an unjust and unwise removal of the voice of cultural concerns in determining matters relating to the marine Park.

Please record my concerns

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