

The Secretary,
The Senate Environment, Communications, Information
Technology and the Arts Committee

I would like to register my support for an Aboriginal representative and a local community representative to be on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. I understand that this may be changed via a bill being presented to the Senate next week.

I feel that this change will be detrimental to the Great Barrier Reef, the Tourist Industry and the Queensland population. People from other countries do notice when our Indigenous people are being ignored. The Aboriginal people of Queensland have very long term knowledge to offer for the planning and welfare of the Great Barrier Reef. Local people also have a deeper understanding than a bureaucratic organisation about what is happening in their own back yard.

Our future depends on ALL Australians being included in the planning and management of our country.

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