



27th May 2007

The Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications Information Technology and the Arts Committee,
PO Box 6100,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA ACT 2600,

Dear Sir

Re:- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007

The Marine Tourism Industry which operates in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is represented by this organisation whose members operate the Vessels and Resort Islands which conduct or accommodate tourists on the Reef.

The Industry is a significant one to Australia's economy. According to the latest Access Economics report, commissioned by the Commonwealth Government, marine tourism in the Great Barrier Reef region is worth \$5.1 billion and employs 54,000 people. It is a major export earner and dwarfs other industries in the area (for example commercial fishing contributed \$120m and employed 640 people.)

We wish to congratulate the Government on the introduction of the Amendment which we feel corrects some anomalies in the current Act without affecting the independence or effectiveness of the Authority.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Windsor', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

DAVID WINDSOR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR