

Subject: RE: Senate Inquiry Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas

Dear Senator Bartlett,

My name is Roger Beeden and I am currently responsible for Reef Check's marketing, communications and fundraising activities. I also work with Jos on the strategic direction and business planning components of the organization. I am replying to your request for information summarizing Reef Check's monitoring activities in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park that will be submitted to the senate inquiry. Obviously as a monitoring and community capacity building organization we are interested in the sustainable management of Australia's marine protected areas. Whilst our focus is coral reef ecosystems we believe that our members we'll also be able to provide a valuable contribution to marine resource stewardship throughout Queensland.

Please find attached a draft submission for the inquiry that outlines Reef Check's history and our current and future activities. We would be happy to appear before the hearing and would value any thoughts or comments that you may have relating to the current funding challenges that we face. I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

Kind regards

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