

Dear Dr Wright,

I would like to make a few points on the review of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act.

I feel the primary issue is to maintain the integrity and authority of GBRMPA in sustainably managing the park. The present governance structure has allowed GBRMPA and Australia to be a world leader in marine conservation and protection, any shift away from the present structure could be disastrous for the marine environment and the Australian public. Why change something that is working so well?

The current structure has also been an example of how effective communication and education can be by undertaking the enormous role of obtaining and implementing stakeholder consultation. The current structure leads by example.

Additionally I would hope the review would take into consideration some of the many issues effecting this natural wonder, such as sedimentation, greenhouse gases, coral bleaching and over fishing to name a few. The Great Barrier Reef is something every Australian can be proud of in times of distrust and disillusionment. So please consider the reef as a one of the world's natural wonder first before any economic or political decisions are made.

Thank you.

Regards,

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