

I strongly support the recent changes in the zoning of the Great Barrier Reef and urge the government to maintain the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority as a strong, independent statutory authority with full decision making powers capable of implementing major conservation initiatives into the future.

The GBRMP Authority should retain its independent board and provide recommendations directly to the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

The Act needs to be strengthened in order to control damaging sediment, nutrient and chemical pollution entering the Great Barrier Reef from the land. The future health of the Great Barrier Reef depends on ensuring that GBRMPA has the power to control all damaging activities that affect the reef.

Yours sincerely,
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