

I believe that the Commonwealth Government is misreading the anger of the Queensland people, in particular North Queensland, by not including the R.A. P in the review of the G.B.R.M.P.A.

The green zones were not the issue, as most people would like to see some protected areas along the Great Barrier Reef, it was the process used. For the Marine Park Authority to proclaim that they take the concerns of regional communities into consideration, in particular those that are adjacent to the coast, is clearly misleading.

For the Marine Park Authority to increase the area of green, after the R.A.P. Process was finished and after the amount of public rejection of their plan, which was supposed to be formulated from public comment but was clearly in place before this process ever started, was arrogant at best.

The use of Local Marine Advisory Committees set up to advise G.B.R.M.P.A on relevant local issues was a great initiative on the authority's part. The time and effort of the people involved to attend meetings is admirable. It's a pity the Authority doesn't take these committees more seriously as they have a lot to offer. They struggle to maintain members due to frustration at the decision making process of the Marine Park Authority.

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