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RE: G.B.R.M.P.A

Dear Sir,


As Chairman of the QSLA - Mackay Branch and a Commercial Fisherman I would like it to be known that in all deadlines with G.B.R.M.P.A throughout the R.A.P process we were lied to, misinformed and not told the whole truth. All meetings with representatives of G.B.R.M.P.A told us *Green* areas only. Too late in the process we found there were *Yellow* (Amateur Only) and *Karke* (Buffer Zone) and major shift in *Dark Blue* areas (Excluding Trawl). We realize this cannot be changed now, but it has been implemented by stealth devious people.

We cannot trust G.B.R.M.P in its current form. We were told by a G.B.R.M.P chairperson [REDACTED] that R.A.P would only be 20-25%, not 33% of Green not all other zones. We advised G.B.R.M.P of areas that needed protection because of environmental reasons, i.e Dugong habitat, but no notice was taken.

We feel G.B.R.M.P.A in the format it is in does not listen to the stake holders. It has a mind set of its own and will not consider any information from other sources. Commercial Fisherman feel G.B.R.M.P.A are out to destroy the Commercial Industry at any cost and not with any Scientific Evidence. We believe the head office should stay in Queensland. We believe the G.B.R.M.P.A should be answerable for their actions to the Australian Senate and Senate Committee, because we believe all future processes by G.B.R.M.P.A should be done by Science and that Science must be able to be debatable.

We believe G.B.R.M.P.A cannot continue in it's present form. It must be accountable for all of it's actions. In conclusion I would like to say G.B.R.M.P.A has done major harm to The Commercial Fishing Industry and the coastal communities along the Queensland coast. No thought was given to this. Most of these communities will not recover.

Sincerely



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Chairman

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