

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the GBRMPA is currently under review with part of this review including the suggestion of moving the administration of the Authority to Canberra.

As a Director of a reef tour business on the Great Barrier Reef I wish to lodge my concern for the above suggestion.

We have been long-term supporters of the GBRMPA and particularly praise the authority for their initiative in rezoning the reef to ensure the future of this world heritage asset.

The GBRMPA has very successfully worked with all user groups of the reef for the past 30 years and has assisted greatly in helping to protect its natural beauty and thereby enhancing the experience for guests aboard Synergy II.

I believe that moving the Management of the GBRMPA to Canberra would diminish the success of the agency. It is impossible for this organisation to work efficiently if it is so far from the Great Barrier Reef.

I strongly support the notion that the GBRMPA must stay in Townsville if it is to operate effectively and protect Australia's most important natural asset.

Yours sincerely,

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