

These are issues which are of utmost importance and urgent attention is needed in order to maintain the beautiful Barrier Reef and its marine life to survive. It is such a disgrace that it has been allowed to get to this point. More often than not bureaucracy is \"slow to move\" and does not address problems such as the Barrier Reef as a priority.

The matter of seafloor trawling within the Great Barrier Heritage area in particular should be stopped as being a totally inappropriate activity and an assurance is needed for this to be phased out.

Also, to extend the eastern boundary of the GBRMP to include the Coral Sea reefs and surrounding waters. Major reef systems include: Osprey Reef, the already highly protected Lihou Reef (an existing National Nature Reserve), Marion Reef, Flinders Reef, the Willis Group, Coringa Islands and the Saumarez Reefs. The extended Park should include a comprehensive network of no-take zones to ensure the protection of the Coral Sea reefs.

Yours sincerely,  
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