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Dear Committee Members,

The Great Barrier Reef is special to me, to all Australians, and to the preservation of life on planet Earth, and that is why it deserves strong legal protection. That's why I'm pleased to support some of steps taken in the Sustainable Port Development Bill to and request additional steps:

- Ban sea-dumping of dredge spoil from new port developments.
- Prevent new ports being built on undeveloped parts of the Reef coast.
- Limit dredging of port facilities to maintenance of existing ports.
- Insist exports exceeding present capacity of existing ports are freighted to port facilities outside of the Great Barrier Reef region.

We urge you to amend the draft laws to close loopholes that permit activities requested to be prevented and fulfil the promises that Premier Palaszczuk made to Queenslanders before the state election:

- Ban trans-shipping in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
- Reduce the impacts of maintenance dredging and dumping.
- Limit dredging to maintenance of existing facilities to include the like of marinas or boat ramps.
- All dumping of maintenance dredging to occur outside of the Great Barrier Reef region.

Yours Sincerely,

Garry Scadding

