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I have built our retirement home at Hay Point via Mackay and reside here at the present time. I had worked in the coal mining industry for 35 years before my retirement. I had no reservations about building my home here because of the world class standards that the two Ports maintain regarding the environment and local community. I have major concerns with the third world technology to be used with the proposed transshipping. My concerns are regarding the affect on the environment, The Great Barrier Reef and the local communities eg. dust and noise of 24 hour operations will affect the local communities severely. The congestion in the Tug Harbour poses a greater safety risk between large and small vessels. Transshipping operations are not suitable for open waters of the Great Barrier Reef because of the risk of contamination on the marine environment, as in Colombia where transshipping was being used and a major environmental catastrophe occurred in January 2013 during a transshipping operation.

I urge the Committee to find a way to include the Ban on transshipping in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in this Bill. As the Committee is no doubt aware, the Australian Labour Party committed to a Ban on transshipping as part of their Protecting the Great Barrier Reef policy. I welcome this policy and congratulate the ALP for recognising community and scientific concerns about this issue.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Kind Regards,

Stan and Patrice McDonnell

