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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission, and congratulations on the proposed legislation.

I have read a little bit about the legislation, and the aim to reduce pollution. I support you in doing that.

Coral reefs are one of the most special, rich and diverse – and beautiful environments in the world. Any holiday maker who has swum or dived on a reef with all its life and vibrant colour knows that.

It is very clear that coral reefs are under immense pressure from climate change and its effects on water temperature and ph level.

The Great Barrier Reef is a treasure for the whole world and you in Queensland are its guardians. I suspect that removing pollution alone will not save this treasure but it will help and help a lot.

I encourage the Queensland Parliament to do everything it can, strengthen the legislation if submissions show a way to do that, but keep your eyes focused on doing the right thing and looking after this magnificent reef, for future generations and even more so – for its own sake.

Best wishes from across the Tasman.

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