From:

Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee

Subject: Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures

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To Whom it May Concern,

I understand that the Queensland Government is proposing changes to the current Environmental Protection Act and that these changes will strengthen protection measures for the Great Barrier Reef. I unequivocally support increasing protection of our Great Barrier Reef.

Protecting our Reef MUST be the first priority for Queensland and indeed for Australia. It is an international living treasure that cannot be recreated once it dies. Already, the Reef has undergone bleaching events that have killed portions of it. It faces so many threats: climate change, ocean acidification, the crown of thorns starfish to name a few. We owe it to our current tourism industry for their livelihood and to the Australian public for the immeasurable joy and beauty it provides us, not to mention to the countless organisms that are part of the reef or rely on it in neighbouring ecosystems. To allow unabated destruction of the Reef will most certainly be considered foolish, short-sighted and possibly criminal by future generations.

Sincerely,

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