Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 Submission No 072

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Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee,

I write in support of the abovementioned Amendment Bill to the environmental protection of the Great Barier Reef.

The proposed legislation must assist in reducing the combined effects of agricultural & industrial pollution, land clearing, land degradation, soil erosion, wetland 'reclamation', chemical run-off and global warming that continue to stress the Reef.

In particular, the stregthening of the application of Best Management practices in rural industries will support those producers who are already taking up the challenge of caring for the land in a sustainable and profitable manner.

It is my hope that the legislation will be followed by strict monitoring of compliance with Best Management Plans devised with support from Catchment Management Associations, so that the remaining biodiversity of the reef has its best chance of surviving to continue to provide jobs and sustainable wealth for coastal towns providing tourism and scientific services to the Australian public and overseas visitors.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Elizabeth Ann Hobson

