



Australian Senate

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Full steam ahead on Great Barrier Reef dredging

The Australian Greens say the draft terms of reference for the strategic assessment of the Great Barrier Reef released today are a farce as they won't stop any of the 112 million cubic metres of dredging approved and proposed for the Reef.

“UNESCO are so concerned at what the Australian and Queensland governments are doing to our Reef that they are coming next month to personally investigate,” said Australian Greens environment spokesperson Senator Larissa Waters.

“This weak response by the government in excluding any dredging currently on the books from the strategic assessment UNESCO requested shows how reckless the government is being with the future of the Great Barrier Reef.

“Despite international pressure, the strategic assessment is set to be a toothless tiger and will not stop the Reef being turned into a coal and coal seam gas highway.

“We urge anyone who cares about our Reef to submit comments on the draft terms of reference and tell the government it has to do better to protect our iconic Great Barrier Reef.”

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