

Hi,

Sorry for the delay in providing you with comments.

Following the Authority's review of the draft we would like to congratulate the Commission on the draft report, particularly in relation to the recognition given to the various levels of pollutants from different industries. For many years ports and shipping have been labelled as 'significant' polluters and the report appropriately reflects the scale of pollutants from these sources as compared with agriculture.

There are several matters that we do believe are worthwhile mentioning however, including the location of the ports along the coast (for example, Hay Point is listed as being North of Mackay when it is actually to the south) and the total number of ports within the gbrmp along the coast (there are omissions of several ports). Also worthwhile noting, we believe, is that whilst providing an extremely important service to local industries through export, ports are also crucial to industries and indeed agriculture through import operations, which is not mentioned at any point through the report.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate through the consultation phase of the study and congratulations on the content to date.

Cheers

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