

**Date:** Wednesday 25 February 2015  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Meeting Room:** Claris Conference Centre  
**Venue:** 19 Whangaparapara Road  
Claris  
Great Barrier Island

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## **Great Barrier Environment Committee OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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Since the first humans set foot on Aotea/Great Barrier Island some 800 years ago, to the present day, the island has been pillaged for its natural resources.

Only in recent years has environmental groups and government departments endeavoured to return the island to its' former glory, by conservation of its' flora and fauna.

Unfortunately, this endeavour does not include the marine environment, which continues to be plundered for profit.

Our group hopes to turn this profit-driven plunder of our marine environment around, by setting standards of environmental behavior for all islanders and those who visit us.

*Tabled @ Great Barrier  
Environment Committee  
meeting on 25/02/2015*



Great Barrier Island Local Board  
24 February 2015

The primary features and benefits of the island is its uniqueness and difference. With particular features being BUSH-BEACHES and WALKS, and this does include inshore waters.

The BUSH and BEACHES are generally looked after, while the waters around the coast are being neglected and abused with excessive commercial take. We do need to address this - THIS "IS" a Local Body issue.

Clearly saving our patch can only come from us via the Local Board of Authority.

The recurring message is clear - We cannot rely on Wellington and Q.M.S to manage local depletion issues.

We have No other option now than to turn to our Local Board to intervene on our behalf to take on the role to have communities concerns aired, recorded and better understood, and to introduce a "Code of Conduct" for our waters.

Publishing a "Code of Conduct" is worth the effort and may well change attitudes.

Commercial fishermen have NOT been asked to modify their behavior (and Wellington will "NOT" do this!)

*Added @ Great Barrier  
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Our proposed "Code of Conduct" is as below:

Within a 3 mile ring around the Island

1. NO bottom or mid-water trawling
2. NO bottom dredging with commercial dredges
3. NO commercial fin-fishing other than local long-liners for local consumption
4. NO set nets AT ALL
5. Nominate a maximum number of cray-pots in our water at any time, with commercial operators requiring permission from the Board for the number of pots they wish to use
6. Recreational Boat Conduct –  
Use large hooks or circle hooks to avoid gut hooking small fish  
Take only what you need – fish keep better in the sea than in the refrigerator  
Don't leave fish frames on the foreshore, or dumped in the harbours  
Respect the rules and help to rebuild our depleted stocks

Conclusion:

We are asking the Board to consider our proposal and then publish our draft in the local newspaper asking for comments and submissions for ALL PARTIES who have a desire to help rebuild our depleted stocks

AND THEN

Produce and Publish a one page "Code of Conduct" for general distribution by all parties to educate and spread the word

Thank You,

Peter Blackwell





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From: Joanne O'Reilly, Waste Minimisation Education- Aotea.

#### Upcoming Waste Minimisation Education Events on Aotea

- March 13- Waste Champions Workshop- open to all, focus on waste management opportunities on GBI and a follow up session on project funding esp- WMIF Fund.
- March 27 Waste Free Parenting Workshop with the Nappy Lady
- May 8 Learning Centre Visit to Waste Management sites in Auckland relevant to GB, including Visy and Redvale as well. Open to Waste Champions- people in the community involved with promoting waste minimisation and Commercial contractors involved with waste management on Aotea.
- Working to develop information to support a door to door survey and info sharing to be undertaken by suitably skilled and knowledgeable person who is able to answer questions that may arise about waste management. Current budget will allow for a small sample survey, additional funding may be required to take survey across island.