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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Re: South of the Embley Project – Bauxite Mine and Port EPBC 2012/5642**

On behalf of North Queensland Conservation Council I am writing to request that the decision made under section 75(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) in relation to the abovementioned project be revoked on the basis of new information released by the company (Rio Tinto) in its Environment Impact Statement.

The new information – that the project will lead to substantially more shipping (up to 700 additional ships per annum) through the Great Barrier Reef – taken in the light of the Nathan Dam case, means, we contend, that controlling provisions for impacts on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (GBRWHA) and National Heritage places must be applied in any assessment of the project.

Given the Strategic Assessment of the GBRWHA soon to be conducted under the auspices of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, the need for this is even more imperative.

Indeed, the proponent, by not providing this information during the original referral process, could be in violation of section 489 of the EPBC Act – in which case, strong and exemplary action should be taken in line with the provisions of the Act.

On these grounds alone, the proposed project must be subjected to a new Environment Impact Statement.

Yours faithfully

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Coordinator