

Australian CSIRO Report P Gowen letter to CSIRO 17 May 11

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Cc: Stephen Eades; 'Bill Rigby'; Mike King - Scratby; David Levy; Malcolm Scott; 'Tim Watson'; Parr, Joanna (CESRE, North Ryde); Parsons, Richard (CESRE, Pullenvale)
Subject: Re: CSIRO investigating on impacts of an expanding Australian seafloor mining industry.

Thank you for your comprehensive and fully understandable reply, Naomi. It is pleasing to now know that the research you are performing is fully independent from vested interests and not merely a means to aid and abet the escalation of offshore aggregate dredging.

MARINET is undertaking an ongoing debate with the dredgers and the MFA on what research needs inclusion in the Environmental Impact Assessments scoping process in order to firmly establish the overall environmental impact to our satisfaction, but with little real progress as yet. Only if/when evidence results to conclusively show that the activity is benign may we reconsider our opposition to each new licence application.

If MARINET is able to assist further in your work, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With thanks, regards and best wishes,

Pat Gowen - MARINET & NSAG