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Subject: Proposal to create a dive wreck site and artificial reef for Sydney.

Dear *MP's name*,

I'm writing to you to let you know that I fully support the Gordons Bay Scuba Diving Clubs proposal requesting the NSW Government's commitment to sink a decommissioned ship off Sydney creating a dive wreck site and artificial reef.

The full Business Proposal is available at:
https://www.sydneydivewreck.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NSWGovBusinessCaseV16_july2020.pdf

To date, the proposal has been well supported by a number of NSW MPs. The ship is proposed to be scuttled off Coogee and the Member for Coogee, previously Bruce Notley-Smith (Liberal), and now Dr Marjorie O'Neill (Labor) have been particularly supportive – but your help is needed!

In summary, the key points and benefits to NSW include:

- Forecast revenues of a low **\$12.4 million** and a high of **\$48.6 million** over five (5) years. A cost benefit ratio of 2.1 - 4.8;
- A 100-year life estimate of the dive wreck;
- Wreck *preparation* creating a minimum of 50 jobs;
- Strong local business and community support including **13,500+** signatures on a petition to be tabled in Parliament;
- Increased marine research opportunities,
- A fishing ban only over the dive wreck site itself; however, adjacent artificial and natural reefs gain increased fishing opportunities. A recent study by Prof Iain Suthers *et al*, funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust, established that fish populations increased **20-fold** on both adjacent natural and artificial reefs.

I see this proposal as providing a much-needed boost to the SCUBA diving and tourism industry which have been significantly impacted by the COVID pandemic. This project will not only create short term jobs but, more importantly, long term business and on-going job creation opportunities.

Please review the [Business Proposal](#) and help make this exciting initiative a reality for Sydney and NSW.

I look forward to your support when the petition is tabled in Parliament and as the project progresses.

Yours Sincerely,

Diver, Store or Business Name