Population Growth and Moreton Bay

South East Queensland is one the fastest growing regions in Australia. Over 2.7 million people already live here and another 50,000 people arrive every year! An out of control population explosion means that the Moreton Bay Marine Park is under pressure from coastal development, more pollution, more visitors, more tourism, more boat traffic, bigger boats and much more fishing.

Prawn trawlers search the seabed for prawns while at the same time destroying dugong habitats and killing other marine creatures at the same time. Prawn trawling remains one of the most destructive forms of fishing, yet, is still permitted in Moreton Bay Marine Park.