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# 10,000 HAVE SAY ON REEF

## Man with golden gun returns

**By OLIVIA KATTER**  
ARMY troops showed Commonwealth Games gold medallist and local soldier Tim Lowndes just how proud they were when the marksman arrived in Townsville late last night.  
Lowndes, who serves in Bravo Company 1st Battalion, won two gold medals, one silver and one bronze in the shooting events at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester.  
Fellow soldiers formed a guard of honour while the army band played for the surprised athlete as he alighted the plane.  
"I really wasn't expecting this reception," Lowndes said.  
"The army has really put on a show."  
Lowndes said he was not aware of the media coverage he received while he was competing in Manchester.  
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LICENCE TO THRILL ... shooter Tim Lowndes shows his medals to Cpl Stephanie Tristram from the 1RAR Band, which was at the airport to welcome him home Photo: NED KELLY NK063054

By OLIVIA KATTER

MORE than 10,000 submissions on the future of the Great Barrier Reef and the controversial expansion of green zones were collected by the marine park authority before the doors closed on the first community consultation phase yesterday.  
The final day saw well over 1000 submissions on the representative areas program (RAP) flood the GBRMPA office before the 5pm deadline, with people e-mailing, faxing, posting and delivering forms in order to have their say.  
RAP manager Dr Leanne Fernandes said that during the three-month consultation period the authority received more than 10,000 submissions on where the marine park's green or no-take zones should go.  
"Up until three weeks ago we had a trickle of submissions coming in, then we had a flow and this week it has become a flood," Dr Fernandes said.  
"It is more than we expected but it has been really positive."  
Dr Fernandes said she was pleased with the number and diversity of submissions as they indicated where people wanted the green zones to be located or whether they wanted them at all.  
"If people had not told us what they thought, it would have been impossible (to create the draft zoning plan)," she said.  
But Dr Fernandes said the program had also received hundreds of the controversial No More Green Zones forms from the fishing body Recreational Enthusiasts Against Closures Totally (REACT).  
The forms contained no suggestions on where new green zones should go and argued it was not necessary to expand the no-take zones as this would disadvantage anglers.  
Dr Fernandes said these forms were not much help to the drafting process as they offered no spatial information.  
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