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Mr Owens started working life as a commercial fisherman and diver mixed with income from surfing and this generated his ever growing interest in the fisheries and marine environment interface. He later became a patrol boat skipper with Fisheries WA and was offered a newly created position as 'on ground' manager at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands. He worked there for 10 years establishing a marine protected area under fisheries legislation and working, with marine and conservation scientists, to improve environmental management at the seasonally inhabited islands. In 2000 he joined GBRMPA to further his experience.

Mr Owens has an MBA in Marine Resource Management and remains an avid fisher. He has some experience in International marine spatial planning issues following a Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council (WPFMC) invite to speak at a 2005 fisher's forum in Honolulu, time in the Baltic in 2008 and a WPFMC convened Marine Spatial Planning forum in Taipei in 2010. He completed his MBA dissertation comparing the scope of processes that were used to rezone the Great Barrier Reef under the Representative Area Program and the processes that were in place to establish the North Western Hawaiian Islands National Marine Monument.



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Ms Atkinson has a broad background in marine ecological research, fishing aspects of marine park management, community outreach and mentoring as well as sustainability assessment. She has worked with commercial fishers in Queensland since 2003, to develop partnerships, build co-management arrangements and facilitate best practice/stewardship initiatives. Initially this focused on the need to change governance arrangements in the marine aquarium fishing sector, and has now broadened to include other sectors and to focus increasingly on ways to adapt to future change, including climate change.

Since 2009, Ms Atkinson has worked closely with the QSIA on a partnership project funded under the GBR Climate Change Action Plan. It aims to improve communication and engagement networks, work towards a shared vision of ecosystem-based management in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and facilitate initiatives that will assist industry in the face of climate change and other impacts. One of the many outputs has been the collaborative development of a customised emissions calculator for the fishing industry.