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## Senate candidate hoping to reel in voters in Gladstone

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*GATHERING SUPPORT: Candidate Daniel McCarthy with fishers Richie O'Brien and Jamie Dove.*

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CANDIDATE Daniel McCarthy is trying to land in the Senate, and he's hoping to hook some Gladstone voters on the way.

The Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party candidate and experienced fishing industry expert wants to find a solution to the Coral Sea ban, which he called an "absolutely disgraceful" piece of Labor policy aimed at pleasing a few minority groups.

"I've spent my entire life in the marine industry in Queensland and my goal is to put some balance back into the Senate," Mr McCarthy said in Gladstone on Wednesday.

"We don't want open slather on the reef, but we don't need knee-jerk reactions in legislation just to appease minority groups any longer."

He pointed to the Labor decision on the Coral Sea closure as one example of "arrogant politics".

"They (Labor) identified the two major threats to the reef as climate change and the introduction of foreign pests, but then they went ahead and banned commercial and recreational fishing," Mr McCarthy said.

"What is it that they're actually protecting the reef from then? When I ask them they don't even know themselves."

When quizzed on the Corexit debate, he said during his visit to Gladstone he had heard polarising opinions, and said data needed to be released by the government to clarify the matter.