

To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing to protest the draft management plans for marine parks, which will lead to lower protections for vulnerable sections of Australia's oceans.

The oceans play an integral part in the ecology of both our planet and our country. Without clean, healthy oceans we cannot combat the effects of a changing climate. It is vitally important at this time to protect and conserve our marine environments.

However, if the acidification of our oceans and the destruction of marine life which we, along with several hundred other species rely on for partial or food stock, is not persuasive enough, the ocean provides an important social and cultural function for Australians. I love the ocean - I live 15 minutes from the beach and I visit it weekly. I would be devastated to see my little slice of beach be ruined.

Our oceans, beaches, and reefs are some of the most beautiful in the world. We should be proud to protect them, instead of leaving them open for destruction.

I sincerely hope that you do not approve the proposed draft management plan as it stands. Please protect our oceans. Don't do this.

Thanks for your time,

Ruby Niemann

A resident of the electorate of Port Adelaide, South Australia.