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- Part 3 - Zoning

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The Coral Sea Areas of high biodiversity is poorly covered by the old marine park about the new plans  
beggar belief that we can go so backwards. We are providing virtually no protection to so many  
important reefs and islets. For instance there is a brand new species of coral that only occurs on the  
Diamond Islet but this will get inadequate protection from the upcoming marine parks. I call on the  
government to reject the new zoning areas and to increase the no take zones to include all the reefs  
and islets in the Coral Sea Marine Park.