

To the relevant planning authorities.

I could write a tome about my abhorrence of the wilful neglect of the Earth but I will present a few thoughts here.

- Dunes of plastic rubbish and other debris in and on the shores of the South China Sea appals and sickens me. This surely evidences the need to mitigate against contributing to the quantity of pollutants entering our oceans.
- The need for food by an increasing world population does not justify plundering the oceans; as the yield from the land masses is relatively diminishing.
- The over-consumption of food and 'consumables' by 'advanced/Western/developed' economies is a disgrace. It may be politically unpopular in the short-term but is vital in the long term for the spend-get bigger mentality to be reined in.
- Altruism, ethical, aesthetic, beauty are important but nebulous words that, sadly, do not have much political clout. Tourism, culture, pride, community engagement are terms that should also be considered.

Please do not abandon Australia's marine parks and ocean territory. They are our gold mine for the future.

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