

Dear Management Planning for Marine Environment

No Government **ever** has proposed taking this many hectares out of conservation before. **It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history.**

**If** you go ahead with your proposed changes to the area of our marine reserves, you will make AUstralia the world leader in turning our backs on our shared natural resources and the health of the world's oceans.

I am being sworn in as a new AUstralian citizen this Sunday. Australia's commitment to taking care of the natural environment was one of the reasons I've been proud to live here for the past 12 years, and a reason why I've chosen to become a citizen.

But I guess I was wrong about that.

Please reconsider these plans to cut back n protecting marine parks - I believe I am not alone in wanting to protect these beautiful and important resources for the health of my children, thwir children and the rest of the planet.

Very truly yours,

Carol