

For the Minister for the Environment – Canberra

Gooday Minister.

You have me and thousands of citizens like me in this great nation of ours very worried right now. Which insanities we are hearing of you lessening Australia's oceanic environmental protections are true – and which are false? My research tells me the changes you are threatening are both likely and dangerous. We believe that Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will then be possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

We all know that Kim Il Jun is mad and threatens world peace and the environment with nuclear weapons. Surely you are not of the same ilk? Your proposed expanding desecration of our sea life environment is just as insane as the North Korean leader appears to be with his hurtling nuclear capable long-range missiles into the ocean – one day soon, so he tells us, to be tipped with nuclear warheads.

Australia must expand its oceanic protections to safeguard our country's future environmental stability and sustainable harvests from the sea. Not cut them back. To cut back on current levels of protection is letting down your own children's and your grand-children's heritage of a safe and secure seaboard and ocean environment around the continent. With many other nations, even in our own region, over-fishing and polluting their own oceanic assets, it is imperative that you do not fall into the trap of believing those organisations whose commercial greed for over exploitation of our oceans limited resources threatens our ocean's very sustainability.

For all our sakes, and for the sake of future generations of Australians please increase, not decrease, protection of all food fish species in Australian waters before there are none left to protect. The ball is in your court minister – you and your government are our only hope for the enjoyment of our wonderful oceans into the indefinite future by future generations of Australians (and sustainable fisheries). Please don't muck it up. We are relying on you sir.

Yours sincerely.

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