

As an Australian citizen and registered voter, I am writing in response to the proposed winding back of protection for Australia's marine parks.

This proposal would halve the area placed in Marine national Parks in the Coral Sea, the Marion Reef and the Osprey Reef. Even worse, all of Verna and Shark Reefs have been taken out of the Marine Park Protection Area. Such measures would put the reefs under severe stress, fostering coral bleaching and mangrove/kelp forest dieback.

In addition, the proposed introduction of midwater trawling will exacerbate the already serious loss of marine life.

I strongly oppose this destructive proposal.