

Dear Sirs/ Madams,

Seriously! No one in their right mind would cut 50% of national or state parks on land. Why would they? Because they are visible. In yer face. Because there would be outcry from the voting public, that's why.

Marine parks on the other hand are hidden. Under the wide, blue ocean. Unseen. But no less important for us, our society and economy in many many ways. We need to maintain and respect them. So why is it that the current federal administration have plans to remove up to 50%? Seriously you have to be nuts. What message does this send to the world about 'BRAND AUSTRALIA'?

Apparently, we have a golden brand perception globally. A clean, pure, wholesome brand perception that is quickly becoming eroded by policies like this. I'm a self-employed business person and I know you don't intentionally erode your brand assets.

So here is a blunt message to the current government in power - DO. NOT. ERODE. INSTEAD. BUILD. EXTEND. DEVELOP. MAKE AUSTRALIA LEADERS IN CONSERVATION. WE SET THE STANDARD. LET OTHERS FOLLOW.

I am a liberal voter. You will lose me, and likely, many others according to other liberal, self-employed associates I'm speaking to who feel the same as I do about this type of policy. But should not be about politics. Don't let it be.

Have a good day. Cheers - Pete

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