

To the Australian Marine Parks Management Planning committee,

I strongly oppose the proposed changes with regard to the protection of our oceans.

As a keen SCUBA diver I have visited many of the beautiful reefs in the Great Barrier Reef and the Coral Sea, and I have seen the pressure on these reefs over the years and how their conditions have worsened though over use and climate change.

The plans to reduce the protected areas in the Coral Sea, such as Marion Reef and Osprey Reef, are a massive step backwards, and I urge the Government to keep the current strong protection of our fragile marine environment.

Kind regards,  
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