

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm quite concerned to hear that the government is planning to cut marine protection areas.

All of the locations being considered are special and valuable for a range of ecological and eco tourism reasons.

I'm a domestic traveller and SCUBA diver who has or plans to visit these sites. If the government degrades the protection of these sites then I will prioritise my travel overseas and spend my money overseas. Many divers and dive travel businesses are like minded. This will result in considerable money diverted to overseas markets from domestic locations.

The economic drivers for these decisions are short sighted and blind to the benefits maintaining protected habitats and eco tourism in these areas.

Please reconsider or you will lose valuable ecological assets and Australia's environmental reputation.

Regards,

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