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Which sector do you represent? General public Which draft plans are you commenting on?

- Coral Sea
- North Network
- North-west Network
- South-west Network
- Temperate East Network

Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? All. It is generally a bad thing to cut back protection. There may be valid justifications. If so we need to be informed of them.

What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- Commercial shipping
- Commercial fishing
- Oil, gas, or mining
- Research

What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 2 - The Marine Park or Network
- Part 3 - Zoning
- Part 4 - Managing activities

Which program are you commenting on? Park protection and management program Please tick this box if you would like to keep up to date with all the latest information on Australian Marine Parks by subscribing to our email updates. :

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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:

The Oceans of the world are under attack and it us, all of us, that are by direct action or by neglect allowing degradation of the health of the oceans to rise to unprecedented levels, that have not occurred on our planet since the arrival of our species.

It is the duty of those that claim to be able to lead and who claim our allegiance, that they be aware of threats to the population. This is not happening in Australia at least.

It is also the duty of those that are in a position to advise our leaders to provide good information to allow leaders to act. If they don't or won't they have to go over the heads of the so called leaders and sound the alarm, blow the whistle, to let the people know what is going on.

I am not going to give an off the cuff account of the problems that we are already facing and what is likely to result soon enough if we don't start acting to safe guard our oceans.

The primary problems seem to stem from a perceived lack of money. Either to contest the next election or to keep the accountants happy.

I find that excuse totally unacceptable. Why? Simply because it is patently not true. What is true is that there are many projects, both public and private, that have billions of dollars thrust upon them. Much of which is simply misdirected or wasted on grand projects that are ego driven and do not benefit the people in general, but often advantages the few in positions of privilege and feel entitled to raid the public purse.

Surely the priority for spending money is to provide a secure future for the population as a whole not just for the "privileged". Well, this means that the oceans must be protected as a priority only exceeded by the priority to protect the our land based assets that feed, house and clothe us from damage and being taken from us.

The fact that elections can be bought has been for a long time been suspected as the other major cause of bad government. Over the last decade or so it has become obvious that corruption stalks our land as well as the less "enlightened" lands. Here the usual thing seems to be that any powerful company can buy what it wants from the government and then the people in power can then buy the next election. There is no other explanation much of what goes on. If I am wrong then how do you explain why the government wants to stop so many good actions from people who want to ensure a safe future?

In this case we know that the oil and gas companies are lobbying to get free access to our seas. We know that massive trawlers want to a free go to extract the fish from our seas. We know that the coal industry want to be able to take ships through the GBR without regard for the dangers which of fouling our reefs.

We know that big agricultural companies want to have a free go at ripping up forested land to plant more crops despite the adverse flow on effects into the future. We know that CO2 is fowling the oceans and atmosphere and causing severe weather to become more frequent, but our government is allowing the few whom this benefits to continue doing it.

Can you explain this negligence in any other way apart from treachery and corruption?

Yours sincerely in anguish,
Alan Distel