

Dear Management of Planning,

The government is planning what is in effect the largest backward step in areas under conservation in historically! When the natural environment is one of the biggest if not the biggest challenge of our era, this is a gross display of dysfunctional government.

Prime minister Turnbull at his best, gained much support for his intelligence and pro-science attitude, but this proposal runs counter to credible science and a logic based on common good. Extensive studies have demonstrated the benefit of marine protected areas for fishing industry, recreational fishers, future generations and the environment. It's a win-win.

The only winners in the proposed cut back are a self-serving short sighted minority. As an electorate we look to our political leaders for strong government working for the betterment of many, that rises above vested interests.

Rather than be a government remembered as squandering our environmental wealth for short sighted and myopic gain. I urge the government to maintain the marine protected areas and go down in history as a government that serves the people and the interests of the country

Sincerely,

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