

To the Government,

As a Scuba Diver I've travelled the world diving over the last 50 years and I have to say that the oceans are in a desperate need of attention and protection.

From Turkey and Croatia, to Mexico, Indonesian, Borneo and around Australia, I've observed that the sea and everything in it is suffering.

The Reef system with the coral, fish and every other critter that lives there, to the polluted water, the ever increasing high tides, the ever increasing high temperature of the water above the reef at low tide, it is a mess.

We need to protect more of our oceans and reef systems for future generations.

Feeding the planet is not going to come from fishing. Fish farming yes but not long line or other means of ocean fishing.

A diverse ecosystem such as our oceans needs protection and any reduction in what Australia currently protects is going to have serious implications on the environment and who I vote for.

The scuba diving fraternity has a huge international following and they will take note of what Australia does.

Forget the lobbyists that are only thinking of the now and make decisions for the generations to come.

Regards

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