

Dear Management Planners-

I am writing to ask the Government to stop winding back ocean and marine protections. The proposed cuts to the Coral Sea Marine National Parks would be a tragic loss to marine conservation. Increased fishing in these areas would jeopardize their National and International Values for Conservation and Ecosystem Services. Many of us in Cooktown utilize the Coral Sea Marine National Park, such as Osprey Reef and others, for tourism and recreation. These tourism values are increasing over time, and conservation parks in these areas are a major draw card for international tourists. Winding back protection would be a huge step backward for both the tourism industry and conservation of marine waters of global importance. Please protect Australia's marine waters for future generations.

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