

To whom it may concern,

In regard to the proposed lowering of environmental protection of our oceans, I submit the following comments.

Ministers and public officers have a duty of care and a fiduciary duty to ensure that policies and practices do not diminish the health of our natural environment and its inhabitants.

I urge the Minister for Environment and all public officers in his department to not allow the lowering of environmental protection of our oceans.

Please protect our oceans from destructive, unsustainable fishing practices and stop the toxic pesticide trade deals that lead to the dumping of vast quantities of a cocktail of poisons in our air, soil and waterways.

These largely invisible pollutants, as you know, ultimately deposit in our soils, oceans and drinking water. Residues of some of these poisons are also present in human breast milk and urine.

Globally, we need healthy and unpolluted oceans. Australia should be a global leader in best practice and not lower its environmental protection standards.

I understand that it is your duty of care to protect the health and well -being of our environment and its inhabitants. I also understand that this is your fiduciary duty to Australian taxpayers.

Please advise me if I am incorrect and if this submission should be forwarded to another public officer and department.

Regards,

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