

I am an Australian. Our land may be girt by sea, but only you have the power as the government of the day to keep that sea something all Australians can be proud of. To date you have taken more hectares out of our Marine National Parks than any government ever - that is appalling and an insult to all who love our country. To consider reintroducing midwater trawling and longline fishing throughout the Coral Sea Reserve is unthinking, short-sighted and a pathway to environmental disaster, especially given the pressures our oceans face today from climate change and plastic pollution. When will this government stop playing politics with the environment and put the health of the planet before corporate profit-taking. If this carve-up of our Marine National Parks goes ahead, it will be another step towards being the government whose legacy will be nothing but an example of short-sighted thinking and poor policy at every turn.

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