

Hi

I am very concerned regarding the proposed management plans for marine reserves where they:

1. Remove the sanctuary protection they now have
2. Reduce the size of the reserves (e.g. Coral Sea, Lord Howe) and seem to completely remove others (Geographe Bay)
3. Allow destructive fishing practises such as trawling in any marine reserve
4. Allow commercial fishing at iconic and ecologically vital sites such as Osprey reef

I support the plans where the marine park management has not been changed or have increased in size e.g. Two Rocks

How is this in Australia's best interests when marine reserves have been scientifically proven to enable the replenishment of fish stocks elsewhere (supporting fisheries) and are also popular tourist destinations, both for divers and recreational fishing. These proposed changes do nothing but undermine public confidence in the government and Parks Australia to protect our environment for future generations.

Regards
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