

To those determining marine protection policies and practice:

I understand that you are considering cutting the area of ocean Australia protects by 50%.

I find this inexplicable.

As an island continent blessed with unsurpassed marine environments, it seems incontrovertible that our governments at all levels should be doing everything possible to maintain and extend comprehensive protection of our marine parks and reserves. In particular, the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve should be sacrosanct.

Please act urgently to ensure that Australia does not succumb to special interest pressures that would put our 44 marine parks at risk.

Thank you

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