

Dear Honourable Members

I have become aware of government plans to wind back marine conservation reserves throughout Australia. I utterly reject this plan and the plan to reinstate longlining and any trawling in existing marine reserves.

I am an irregular visitor to tourist spots such as Ningaloo and the Great Barrier Reef and have spent my holidays in Australia at these amazing destinations. I regularly take holidays with family and friends in or near marine and other national parks and reserves. I prefer to spend my money in these places rather than other destinations. I like to support the local tourism facilities, restaurants, accommodation and tours at these unique high conservation value places.

Reducing marine reserve protections will hurt tourism jobs, suppliers and communities as well as invaluable conservation goals.

I look forward to my children getting old enough to swim with whale sharks and visiting orcas and intact coral reefs.

Yours sincerely

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