

Dear Mr Frydenberg,

I cannot sit here in this beautiful country and let these decisions be made by people like you on issues so huge with such detrimental and tragic effects. By people like you I mean politicians. Politicians who do not seem to care about the general well being of anyone in their decisions they make. Politicians who think running the country is some fun game you can mess around with. Politicians who think money and economic growth is the main priority of the country.

The reason we have such beautiful oceans in this country is due to our care for them, which they are getting very little of at the moment considering your government is still considering Adani, but that is a matter for another day. The benefits of marine parks and reserves are endless, for literally anyone interested in the ocean, the effects of having marine protected zones compared to not having them completely changes entire ecosystems. Without protected areas in our oceans species will die, ecosystems will collapse and there will be nobody else to look at for future generations who witness these devastating collapses apart from the government that was in power at the time of these reductions in Environmental policy.

The lack of consideration put into this change and decrease of protected areas to understand the downfalls in every area of this proposal are actually outrageous, and the fact that I as a first year university student seem to understand more about how ecosystems work, interact and are influenced by things like these protected areas, than the environment minister for this country outrages me.

Please reconsider what you are doing and provide evidence against the fact that the current areas for marine conservation do not have huge effects on our aquatic ecosystems, if you are to go ahead with this proposal, which I am relying on the power of the people to put an end to even being considered.

All the best,

Alex Aves