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Which sector do you represent? Conservation Which draft plans are you commenting on?

- Coral Sea
- North Network
- North-west Network
- South-west Network
- Temperate East Network

Which marine park(s) are you commenting on?

What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial pearling and aquaculture
- Commercial tourism
- Oil, gas, or mining
- Recreational fishing

What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 2 - The Marine Park or Network
- Part 3 - Zoning
- Part 4 - Managing activities

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Parliament: Yes

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Dear Minister

I am very concerned that you are proposing to reduce the protection of many areas within the Australian Marine Parks network. In particular I am concerned that within the Coral Sea the area placed in Marine National Parks has been halved, including Marion and Osprey reefs. It also appears that Shark and Vema Reefs have had their National Park status reversed completely.

It is imperative that the areas currently protected as Marine National Parks within all Australian waters continue to be afforded this level of protection. Any change in their status is totally unacceptable and if this occurs it will reflect very badly upon your reputation.

Yours faithfully

Nicola Marlow