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Ms Sally Barnes  
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Re: Australia

Dear Ms Barnes,

As a young scientist and marine researcher I am extremely concerned about the new directions for the Australian Marine Parks Network (AMPN). Australia have been internationally recognized as a world leader in Marine Conservation and I ask, why step backwards now? Climate change, pollution, overexploitation, plastic, ocean acidification are increasing at an alarming rate and threatening our oceans. Science-based evidence suggesting that marine protected areas increase resilience of marine life towards those threats are widely reported. We would like to see strong and efficient management plans based on scientific evidences that supports our ocean rather than overlook it. If we don't protect our oceans who will?

Sincerely,

Hanna