

I am writing to express my deep concern that proposed reductions in our Marine Parks will have a permanent negative effect on marine bio diversity, long term fish stocks, recreational fishing and diving, tourism and the overall health of the oceans.

Already our seas seems to be receiving the same treatment that our country has since the early days of white settlement – this sort of take everything we can now attitude. I understand that some people will get more money now this way, but this is at a cost to future generations.

I note that the current plan is contrary to the science and also against the vast majority of views expressed during public consultation. The opening up of extraction practices in pristine areas is unsustainable. It is a betrayal of our duties to protect the environment for the future of all.

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