

I am amazed / concerned that The Current Conservative Australian Government is considering cutting the area of ocean Australia protects **by 50%**. - **This must not happen and destroy the future being handed on to the Australian Youth of today.**

How can the Current Federal Government support or even consider changes that will make Australia the world leader in winding back protection for the oceans. This is despicable and totally irresponsible and display to **UNESCO that the Australian Government is unable to and unfit to protect the ocean reserves and as such hopefully finally condemn in the strongest possible way this ineffectual Federal Government.**

Once again how can the government even consider halving the area placed in Marine National Parks in the Coral Sea. The same goes for Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park. **Shark and Vema Reefs have been taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether.**

How can you allow Midwater trawling to be reintroduced and the possibility for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

I am hopeful (although I know it is not possible that the Federal Government has the ability to -) you will come to a realisation that " No Government **ever** has taken this many hectares out of conservation before. **It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history.**

"This move by the Federal Government has to be reversed for the sake of our oceans, marine life and the future of our youth and planet.

Rod