

It is very worrying to find out about the planned cutbacks to National Park zone protection in Australia's marine parks network. Those national parks provide much needed protection for marine life, which is now needed more than ever with global warming and the rising plastic and chemical pollution. The network should be science based, and therefore deliver adequately sized and located National Park zones.

I only support the draft management plans where the National Park zones have not changed from what was declared in 2012, or where there are new and/or increased National Park zones. Cutting back protection is going to pose a huge threat to Australia's natural treasures. Intact natural environments are worth much more than short term gain through industrial exploitation.

I am asking you to review your plans and make the right decision for Australia and not in the name of commercial interest.

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