

- I wish to protest strongly against the plans proposing a major wind back to our Marine Park and Reserves.
- The marine environment around our country has world wide significance and needs ongoing protection from overfishing and shipping travelling through our barrier reef.
- The economic benefit through tourism to our precious sites such BARRIER REEF , OSPREY REEF ,NINGALOO, SOLITARY ISLANDs the exiting marine parks ON EAST COAST ,are exceptional eco systems that must be protected.
- Existing marine sanctuary zones in NSW are already poorly protected .An example in March 2017 Seal Rocks protected zone was poached , this site with usually many 100s of pelagic and small fish was barren. I reported this to the marine authorities and a number of boats were under suspicion.
- Had this occurred on land there would have been an uproar.
- Close by a grey nurse female shark was dying underwater because it had been caught on a long line and left to drown because it could not move. Fortunately we were able to free it

I am a scuba diver and an occasional fisherman. For 30 years I have explored the underwater world around Australia .This plan is madness.

There is so much to loose if we mess up the final pristine environment.

You need to talk to the diving community who understand the marine environment.

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