

It seems to me that the cutting back of ocean sanctuarie sizes will compromise their effectiveness. We need places that are untouched by fishing where species can flourish and spread into areas that are fished. This is already known and has been shown to be highly effective. Why then would the Government in it's wisdom want to reduce the size of these sanctuaries? The only logical conclusion would lead me to think that pressure has been applied by commercial organisations that have a vested interest in larger fishing areas. The Government must see past this short term starategy and plan for the long term, larger sanctuaries will provide us with far healthier oceans so that commercial and recreational fishing can be sustained into the future. Our oceans around Australia are so precious we must guard and nurture them for the generations of Australians that will follow us.