

Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand our government is considering winding back some of the protection currently in place or planned for the Pacific Ocean. If this is correct it is a retrograde step and should not go ahead. Please take whatever measures you can to ensure this does not happen.

I come from a very old fishing family in SW Victoria, and have seen first hand the impact of over fishing in these communities and more recently in the Pacific where I regularly work as an Australian Business Volunteer, most recently in Samoa. I am currently working in Timor-Leste on Atauro Island where they are planning to protect the incredible biodiversity of this area. I find it incredible that such a poor nation can at least try to look after and value it's marine environment whereas Australia seems to continue down the path of supporting or at least allowing over exploitation of our oceans.

Regards,

Ken Dusting