

Dear Minister,

I don't understand. Why would any government ignore the research results and opt for private profit over public interests?

Why put at risk the future of our commercial and recreational fishing industry? Why ignore the jobs dense tourism industry?

Why go from best practice to worst?

Is it because, like the fossil fuel industry you are happy to privatise the profits and socialise the costs?

Or is it yet again prostration before the looney right wing of the party-probably both right?

What is it about empirical evidence that you don't understand? Do we have to loose the Great Barrier Reef before you get it? Do we need to decimate our fisheries, tear up our tourism industries, put everyone out of work before you are willing to stare down those who revel in their ignorance of basic facts?

Will this be your legacy? Decimation of our marine parks, the destruction of the GBR, the highest energy costs in the OECD, the highest emissions of CO2 equivalent per cap in the world. This is where you are heading. You will be remembered for this legacy. How does that make you feel? Has it been worth the struggle to get to minister? Like, what was the point? This?

disappointing, mind numbing decisions, the decisions of a scared child

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