

Australian Marine Parks Management Planning Comments Department of the Environment and Energy

The Government's dismantling of Australia's excellent set of marine reserves is pure vandalism. Australians now depend on opposition and sane cross-bench Members and Senators to stop the exposure of our coastal treasures.

Halving the extent of protected areas to allow damaging increase in shipping and unsustainable exploitation by long-line and trawl fishing, ore and gas tanker traffic, channel dredging and agricultural runoff etc..

will Marine reserves are the control samples by which human damage both from local impacts and through climate change can be scientifically separated from natural effects.

If the Government succeeds in this destruction, much of the damage will be permanent and enactment of rescue legislation by more responsible governments in future will be made more difficult, expensive and damaging to the industries and workers invited to briefly and unsustainably exploit these coastal resources..

Please stop this while you can,

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