

Dear Minister Frydenberg,

Please do not change the protections to our Marine National Parks.

Marine parks are essential for protecting the breeding areas of many fish that would otherwise go extinct through long term overfishing. Protecting a core ecosystem enables fish stocks to replenish and the overflow or excess fish numbers then become available to fisheries outside the park areas, thus providing a sustainable fishery. Surely this is a win - win situation for everybody.

Gill netting and long-lining should also be banned as these fishing techniques result in the killing of many dolphins, turtles and albatross, which is a cruel practice and

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totally unacceptable. Trawling can also do permanent damage to the substrate, turning the ocean floor into a desert by removing everything indiscriminately and destroying marine habitats. These fishing methods should not be allowed in any protected areas.

These marine parks were set up based on good scientific evidence and should not be watered down for the short -term financial gain of the fishing industry. In the long-term the fishing industry will benefit from strongly protected Marine National Parks and it is in their long-term interest to help protect them, thereby allowing the development of sustainable fisheries that are renewed constantly through the Marine Parks.

Regards,

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