

To: Director of National Parks

Dear Sir/Madam

The proposed reductions in marine protection around Australia's coasts is very disturbing.

I find it incomprehensible that the proposals are not evidence based and would severely impair the effectiveness of the marine sanctuaries.

It was bad enough that the Abbott government attempted to stymie what was regarded as world class moves for marine sanctuaries. For the Turnbull government to gut those sanctuaries in the guise of a so called fairer balancing act is reprehensible, particularly in disregard of its own Review's recommendations.

I urge the Government to make the following changes to the draft management plans: a) That no marine National Park zone areas declared in 2012 are removed or reduced; b) That new marine National Park zones are declared:

- in the Norfolk Island Marine Park as recommended in the Review;
- that every marine park under Review be afforded an adequately sized and located National Park zone (currently 16 of the 44 of have none) and;
- that all marine parks on the completion of their management plans should be fully protected from oil and gas mining.

Sincerely, Robert Bagnall Mosman NSW 2088