

Dear Josh Frydenberg,

I am filled with horror at the government's proposal for massive cut backs to the marine sanctuary protection. This goes against common sense, the advice of distinguished scientists, and the ability of our marine and related ecosystems to have a sustainable and flourishing future.

I have recently returned to Australia after decades of working as a scientist at the Cambridge of University. While I love this country, I have never been so ashamed of what has happened to our values. My shame is epitomised in the fact that such cut backs can even be considered. In the same vain, I am horrified at the attitude your government shows towards renewable energy, against the advice of the chief scientist.

What has happened to your own values Josh? I know your parents and have met you, and want you to be able to sleep night, knowing that what you are doing is truly morally right. **I entreat you to prioritise the environment and the future of our children and grandchildren, rather than caving in to commercial pressures.**

**I urge you to show courage and compassion, and stop the threat to our marine protection.**

Yours sincerely,  
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