

Submission to the Commonwealth Marine Protected Areas Network,

The proposed network on Marine Protected Areas contrary to bipartisan commitment to reducing red and green tape implements an added layer of legislation and regulation to marine planning and usage that can and should be addressed under current legislation. It is taking a step in the wrong direction and does not improve marine biodiversity conservation. It increases and continues to export and our conservation responsibilities by creating a false sense Australia is doing its fair share. Increasing our reliance on imported seafood by restricting our ability to harvest our own sustainable seafood is not only irresponsible it is unethical. The proposed network is a major step in the wrong direction.

Yours,

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