

Dear Minister and Staff

Your job and the job of the department (together with the wider Australian community) is to ensure sound management of our natural heritage and resources and to ensure that the Australian public don't fall victim to ecological and historical amnesia. The biodiversity of our oceans has much declined in the last 150 years.

Through my own research over the last twenty years, I know my 7year old son will never experience the abundance and diversity of ocean life and water quality, as his and your forebears did six generations ago.

Leave the Australian Marine Parks as there are, to recover and return to a good degree of ecological health and biodiversity, which helps our oceans to work well as carbon sinks, and provide an important environmental service and tourism attraction, working free for our economy.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

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Regards

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