

Dear Minister Freydenberg

I am writing to you to ask that you do not take away the current protections that the oceans of Australia's Marine Ocean Parks currently have. I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes to not only allow long line fishing and mid sea trawling but pave the way for oil and gas mining in areas such as the Great Australian Bight.

I am not interested in the profits that such mining and fishing can bring to the Australian economy. The future, if one is far sighted, is in renewable energy technology and production, and tourism, including food tourism (i.e. from resources such as fishing, not on a mass demand level). It should be obvious to see that using all our finite resources for short term profit are unpractical and limited. All the money that is spent on exploration and creating mines could instead be used to invent more efficient and new ways of energy production. I would think that intelligent and outside the box leadership, with far sighted vision for a prosperous and morally just country, could see the dollar signs if the government and companies invest in renewable energy technology, which they can then export worldwide.

i call on you to listen to the voices of concerned citizens of Australia like me and consider a different path Please step back from the action you are intending to take - for the future of all Australians.

Yours sincerley

Lisa Gori
Canterbury, NSW