

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I do not support the proposed approach to water down and diminish existing protections for our oceans under the guise of 'striking a balance between the environment and industry'.

Industry is responsible for the plight of species in the oceans as it is already, weakening the regulatory framework of protection will just accelerate the destruction of the oceans and the species we have a responsibility to protect

It is clear, from the government's position on climate change and consideration of support for Adani, that it is not concerned with the environment and is subject to capture by industry rather than supporting the national interest.

Without the oceans, without the diversity of species, there is no industry.

The oceans of Europe and Asia tell a sorry tale and it appears one that Australia is keen to replicate.

I am also aware that the Cth Government has no concern with science. This is a completely political proposition. It is short sighted and destructive.

Thank you

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