

TO: HON MINISTER JOSH FRYDENBERG
Parliament House
Canberra

Date: 20 Sept 2017

Dear Minister,

I write in regards to your imminent decision on Australia's Marine Park Network.

Please consider the wider ramifications of any decision to reduce the protected areas or take areas out of conservation.

Protected marine zones benefit the Australian community by:

- Maintaining biodiversity in habitat's already under pressure from ocean warming, acidification and plastic pollution;
- Supporting a multi-billion dollar tourism industry;
- Sustaining fish stocks by allowing breeding and nursery sanctuaries which maintains existing commercial and recreational fishing areas.

I am therefore requesting the Honorable Minister and the Marine Management and Planning section of the Department of Environment resolve to maintain the existing level of protection of Australia's Marine Park Network.

I thank you for the opportunity to have my say on this issue and look forward to your response.

Yours Faithfully,

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