

Minister Frydenberg,

Are you mad!!! Cutting back on areas of marine protection. The oceans are under severe threat from global warming, acidification, overfishing, pollution and trash. Study after study has shown the only chance for some resilience in the ocean ecosystems is to have at least a few relatively healthy refuge areas left intact as sources to repopulate denuded and over exploited areas. It even makes economic sense.

Another policy approach is to admit the oceans are doomed to become the world's largest sewer inhabited only by jelly fish and slime molds, as it was about 700 million years ago and grab every remaining resource before it is gone. I understand that the pressures of political life tend to give you a short term outlook, like surviving the next week or at most the next election. I implore you to extend your thinking to a longer time frame of at least the next few generations and reassess your priorities. Hmmmm, next week for you, or 700 million years for the planet???

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Cheers, Paul

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