

Proposed Marine Park Management Plan

I most strongly object to the Federal Government's current proposal for the reduction of Marine Parks and Sanctuaries.

In recent times and throughout our history there have been only some outstanding steps taken for the protection of our land that have made you feel thankful and proud. We must all be grateful for the foresight of establishing land-based National Parks and significant Urban Parklands. Malcolm Fraser's declaration of the Great Barrier Reef as a Marine Park, and the Keating-Hawke promotion of the Antarctic Treaty, led by Australia on the world stage, are two tremendous bi-partisan achievements. Added to this scale of achievement was the 2012 establishment of a system of Marine National Parks.

The wondrous natural beauty of our land and surrounding seas is a heritage for all Australians, that should be supported and protected at all costs. It can be a harsh land, making the delicacy of so much of our land and marine wildlife and eco-systems all the more extraordinary.

There is no foresight in the proposed Marine Parks Management Plan. I totally reject any interference in what is a well-considered system of marine protection.

Yours sincerely

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