

Dear Minister Frydenberg,

I'm extremely disappointed to hear that the government is reducing the area of protection to the Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea.

Since I was a child the Reef has been a magical destination that I have wanted to visit. 2 years ago I was lucky enough to snorkel on the outer Reef and see the wondrous array of life it supports .

If this is something you haven't yet done, I encourage you to do so before you put this legislation to parliament. It maybe your last chance to experience the Reef. Each year more and more pressure is placed on this ecosystem. Ocean temperatures rising, high nutrient run off from agriculture, sediment from mining and erosion, extreme weather events.

How will you explain what the Reef was, and how it degraded on your watch to your grandchildren?

I hope you want have too, and you keep the current protections in place, and do more to actively protect the Reef for future generations.

Regards,

Helen

Sent from my iPad