

Dear Minister Frydenberg,

I call on the Government to take no backwards steps in protecting the ocean. The plans which have been released by the Australian Government will make Australia the only nation in the world to be actively REDUCING its protections for the ocean.

There is no precedent in history for an area so large to be taken out of conservation.

I call on the Government to retain the level of protection that was enshrined in Australia's Marine Park Network in 2013.

Please know that Australian citizens would be ashamed to see our parliament not protecting our precious oceans and Marine life.

These proposed changes will make Australia the world leader in winding back protection for the oceans.

In the Coral Sea alone the area placed in Marine National Parks has been halved. The same goes for Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park.

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will be now be possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

This simply cannot happen!!! Please work towards the level of protection that was enshrined in Australia's Marine Park Network in 2013 and do the best to collectively save all that is left of our Marine parks.

Kind regards

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