

Dear ministers,

As an Aussie citizen living abroad, I am constantly asked questions about Australia and inundated with expressions of awe and amazement that I come from such a beautiful country that the rest of the world longs to visit, in order to experience first hand these wonders of nature that we possess in abundance and too often take for granted.

Thus, I was absolutely horrified to receive the email of Shadow Minister Tony Burke informing us that the government proposes to again cut the area of ocean Australia protects by 50%. 50%! In an era where Australia is looked upon as a "backwards" country in many of our current issues and laws, I cannot believe that we would risk becoming the world leader in destroying our own oceans, reefs and marine life.

Sadly, I am at times ashamed to be an Australian citizen and associated with our governments, who continue to make extremely poor decisions, not only regarding our population but also our incredible natural reserves and animal life. I think it is time you looked at the bigger picture and the global impact these decisions will have, now and long into the future.

Regards,
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