

I wish to express my disappointment and fear that this present government is planning to undo the marine protections put in place by the previous government. I cannot understand why they are taking this action, as I understand it there is little to be gained by a very few people, and yet the losses to our environment will be great.

I am a recreational fisherman and can speak on behalf of my fellow angling mates; no way do we want these changes to be made. You will only benefit a few trawlers and long liners, but the changes will leave some of our best marine areas exposed, including the Great Australian Bight - already under threat from Big Oil - as well as Lord Howe, Perth Canyon, the Kimberley, the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Coral Sea.

The coalition government has an abysmal record in its conservation of the Australian environment, please don't add our oceans to your record of failure and irresponsibility.

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