

Dear Mr Turnbull

I gained my undergraduate degree in Environmental Science more than twenty years ago, and even then habitat destruction and modification were problematic for the integrity of significant ecosystems in Australia.

The protection of our land and oceans through regulation is the only thing that prevents wholesale impacts on marine and terrestrial life and their environments.

I'd like to ask you personally, how will removing hard won protections benefit our country as a whole? You may have an argument for removing restrictions to enable individuals or corporations to develop or exploit our natural resources, but the benefits hardly accrue to the Australian population as a whole. The benefits go directly into developers pockets or to offshore tax havens. Have you not heard that the Australian people are sick of politicians doing deals with big business and vested interests to despoil out land decimate our wildlife and wild places?

Enough is enough - listen to those who know best - our brightest and best minds - the scientists and those who support them.

There is more to our world than profits and growth - what about the idea of wellness? What about how our communities function SUSTAINABLY? If people like you won't listen, then the people will take control from you - yes you've heard it all before I'm sure, and it's part of your blind callousness that you are deaf to those who genuinely care about our natural assets for their intrinsic value - not because their destruction or exploitation is a means to profit.

You must reconsider these dreadful proposals to reduce the protection of any wildlife sanctuaries, marine or terrestrial.

Yours in immense anger

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Sent from my iPad