

Dear Marine Management Planners,

As the earth's only Island nation occupying a complete continent and with one of the longest coastlines of any nation Australia have an obligation to the planet and all who live on earth to be responsible custodians for the oceans that surround us.

The Australian people must be leaders in our role as good custodians setting world standards in marine management. There are no excuses and commercial interests must never be put above the health of our oceans and all they contain.

Rather than shrink the existing marine parks that help protect our oceans and enable Australian efforts to be exemplary custodians we should be looking to increase the areas of protected ocean regions and consider new areas for park protection.

I ask that you consider the needs and responsibilities of all Australians in achieving our collective efforts to these ends in protecting the marine environment.

Yours respectfully,

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