

To the management planning for marine parks, I am writing to implore you to please reconsider the reducing of our Marine National Parks. Reducing the size of these parks and allowing trawling will only reduce and sea life and the viability of our fishing industry further.

I live by the sea and have noticed especially over the last ten years just how much the sea life has declined and how our once abundant rock pools now do not contain sea life. I have a daughter who is a Marine Scientist and she has been able to supply me with studies and information on the damage to the seas and attempts to restore this amazing asset we have surrounding our great country. I believe if we expand our marine sanctuaries to protect the marine life and allow the existing sea life to multiply it can recover.

I now have grandchildren and I would like them to be able to experience the joy of fossicking in rock pools and discovering crabs, starfish, octopi, fish and other sea creatures. I would like them to be able to look out to sea and see dolphins and whales swimming past.

This will not happen on its own and it is up to us to stop this decline in marine life and help to restore the health of the oceans and seas. There is still so much to discover about the sea and the life that resides there. There is the possibility that solutions to the health and energy needs of our species could be found there, but unless we stop this denigration we may never know.

Please do not reduce the size of our Marine Parks and Reserves.

Regards

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