

I am disturbed by the proposed changes to Marine Reserves. The Government has not attempted to justify these proposals to the Australian Public so the proposals appear to be designed to satisfy the short term interests of the commercial fishing industry rather than to care for long term interests of the marine environment. I suppose this should not be a surprise to us, but that doesn't mean that the proposals are acceptable.

I ask that these reductions in Marine Reserves be reconsidered, that your arguments for your proposal be clearly argued in the public domain, and that public objections to these proposals be taken seriously.

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