

I am totally against any cut backs to Australia's Marine Parks and the winding back of protection for our oceans.

Now and into the future our oceans are and will continue to be adversely impacted by the effects of climate change, rising sea temperatures, increasing pollution, overfishing and human activity such as shipping, drilling, blasting and oil spills - this will only increase as the human population grows and more demands on marine resources.

If anything more marine areas should be placed under protection not less to ensure there are enough untouched, undisturbed, healthy, pristine habitats in our oceans to ensure marine life survives and thrives not just for the benefit of the human species but for its own innate value and importance to the planet and also its awe inspiring beauty.

I see it as a completely irresponsible and retrograde act and a threat to the future of Australia's marine habitats and sea life to wind back protection as well as an extremely poor reflection on the Australian Government.

I totally reject and am opposed to the Government's plans to cut marine protection and the size of Marine Parks.