

To Whom It May Concern - and I hope our marine environment health is a concern of every responsible person.

Our Marine Environment needs every protection. Under threat from climate change we need to ensure that any and every threat we can control is controlled. Creating more and ensuring the safety of Marine Sanctuaries is a vital step.

I was extremely distressed when I dived the Great Barrier Reef in May. 15 years ago this same area was a pristine paradise, postcard perfect. Alive and flourishing with myriad of corals, millions of colourful sea creatures in all shapes and sizes, our reef was Awesome and deserving of it's reputation as a top bucket list experience.

Only under the supervision of sanctuary status can we ensure controls of illegal and over fishing, prevention of exploitation and destruction through dredging and mining. The health of our oceans has direct and indirect impact on the health of our planet and all that live on it.

Please plan long term for the benefit of all, not short term gains for a few wealthy persuaders. We rely on you to act responsibly, ethically, and in the best interest of best possible health and safety for our marine environment.

thank you  
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