

Afternoon

Please do not cut the area of ocean Australia protects by 50%! The Government's plan to cut marine protection needs to be rejected for the sake of our oceans and marine life!

In the Coral Sea alone, the area placed in Marine National Parks has been halved! Same for Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park. Shark and Vema Reefs have been out of the Marine National Park area altogether!!!

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will now be possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

No government ever has taken this many hectares out of conservation before. It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history. It will make Australia the world leader in winding back protection for the oceans!!!

Tony Burke put these protections in place five years ago when he was Environment Minister and Labor will never stop fighting to protect them.

Regards

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