

Dear Director National Parks and Minister Frydenberg,

I am writing to register my deep concern about the proposed reduction in the area of Australia's maritime national parks.

Specifically I oppose any draft management plan to weaken or reduce the coverage of our priceless national assets from the benchmark established in the 2012 management plan. The possibility that a proposed reduction might affect 38 of the 44 marine parks is both astonishing and absolutely unacceptable. I am so frustrated and ashamed by the pattern of actions by the present Australian government.

All around us we are experiencing climatic and ecological disruption while the Australian government seems to have adopted the strategies of denial once used by the tobacco industry. Government in Australia seems to have become the lag rather than the lead factor in our national life.

We will all pay the price.

Please do not let us down yet again by compromising our maritime sanctuaries.

Yours sincerely

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