

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are greatly concerned with the Federal Government's exceedingly short-sighted plan to diminish the Marine National Parks by half. This is a shocking proposal that flies in the face of environmental science and best practice. If currently protected areas are cut bit it will have numerous detrimental long-term effects on the marine ecology in general, and on the endangered species that are battling to survive in an increasingly hostile environment. Stripping off major parts of the existing parks to allow for more commercial fishing is a backward step that doesn't take into account the fragile marine ecological balance. Somehow we have to co-exist with the creatures of the natural world, support their habitats and not threaten them, if we are to share a future.

We urge the management of the Marine National Parks to encourage the political decision makers to reconsider the plan to reduce these significant marine safe zones.

sincerely,

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