

Submission on Proposed Reduction of Protected Marine Areas

I am bitterly disappointed and alarmed to learn that the Government has failed to heed the submissions made previously by Australians concerned about conservations issues, including me and many others, stressing the need for marine sanctuaries to be enlarged rather than reduced, and that the proposal is to reduce by more than half the area which was won through Tony Abbott's effort.

In the face of serious challenges which climate change will inevitably produce, as well as increasing pollution and threats from the ever-increasing scale of commercial fishing, with its gill-nets and long-line harvesting, along with appalling by-catch of endangered species, the need for sanctuaries is continually growing, so how can it be acceptable to reduce the area?

Your Government should be considering the future of our marine ecosystem, not yielding to the demands of commerce for short-term gain

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