

Dear sir,

Getting protections for the natural environment both on land and in the coastal waters of Australia, has taken generations of hard campaigning and negotiation to establish.

The groundbreaking and world class marine reserves and parks have been proved to work effectively to leave our coastal areas the envy of the world in terms of recreation and sustainability of fish populations.

Fishermen both professional and recreational have benefited, but if these areas are fragmented it would certainly decrease the abundance and sustainability of sea life to the point of endangering species continuation, especially with the increase of water temperatures induced by climate change, for which there is abundant evidence.

I ask you in all Sincerity to keep these reserves intact so that your children and mine can enjoy the benefits of a healthy ocean.

Yours sincerely

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Speaking for many, many ocean lovers, the large majority of the Australian people.

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