

A submission regarding the management plan for our marine environment.

Please do not halve the area in the Coral Sea placed in the Marine National Parks or reduce the areas in the Osprey and Marion Reefs . The current Parks were agreed to after scientific study and careful deliberation. The suggested reduction puts so much of our treasured ocean at risk of degradation and over fishing. Shark and Vema Reefs need to remain in the Marine Parks, we need to protect our oceans from any exploitation that damages and depletes them.

Midwater trawling and longlining needs to stay banned in the areas now our Marine Parks.

Australians are concerned about the degradation of our environment . The suggested changes to the protection of our marine environment does not reflect this concern.

Yours faithfully.
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