

I have heard of recent plans to cut protected ocean areas. That the Coral Sea Marine National Parks has been halved. And Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park. With Shark and Vema Reefs have been taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether!!

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced?? Possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

No Government ever has taken this many hectares out of conservation before.

It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history. And made at such a time where environmental concerns are more apparent than at any time previously.

There are other ways to improve the economy. Please, rethink the plans and consider the consequences of decisions made... For the long term.

Kind regards

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