

To the Turnbull government,

I am totally disgusted and angered that you plan to cut back protection for our Marine National Parks, once again blatantly disregarding conservation and the environment.

Why have a conservation and environment minister/team if you have no intention of ever standing up for the environment and the wildlife that depends on it?

Australians are spoilt for pristine beaches and marine life but the sad reality is that this will no longer be the case if the government continues to slash protection for our Marine National Parks. Our wonders of the world - the Great Barrier Reef and other areas such as the Great Australian Bight, and the Coral Sea reserves - are all under threat because you continue to put big business and the oil and coal companies ahead of the natural world.

Despite warnings from scientists about coral bleaching, disappearing coral, fish and plant species, the depletion of fishing reserves and starvation of animals that depend on the oceans (penguins, seals, etc. etc.) the government refuses to act. The evidence is clear: our oceans need immediate and long-term protection.

I would like my children to grow up in a world that includes healthy oceans and marine parks that are safe-guarded and valued. Value our oceans.

Yours sincerely

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