

Dear Submission Panel,

As the mining industry slows, Australia is going to be increasingly reliant on tourism. Cutting marine parks will be an international embarrassment. We're already watching the Great Barrier Reef die, this is further sanctioning of the destruction of marine life. Our greatest asset down the drain. New Zealand is internationally known as being clean and green, but we're sabotaging our own reputation.

Hey little Jimmy, how was your trip to Australia?

Well ... um ...

Jimmy is very distressed, he saw dead coral, wood chipped forests and a lot of dead turtles and dolphins.

To my knowledge no country in the world has cut back its marine parks ... although Donald Trump is looking at cutting back environmental reserves known as national monuments. Do we want to sit with Trump or the civilised world?

Please don't cut back marine parks. This shouldn't be about ideology or a quick grab for cash, it should be about future proofing biodiversity and tourism income streams for our children.

Best Wishes,

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