

I am making a submission to object in the strongest possible terms to The Government's Proposal to severely limit the protection that would be given by **Full Implementation** of the original 2012 proposal for Marine Protection areas. The original proposal was the result of considerable consultation of scientific experts and all affected parties. The current demolition of this agreed proposal is yet again an example of the current Government failing to develop policy based on sound scientific facts and expert advice in order to satisfy short term sectional interests and failing to develop policy for Australia's long term future!

I re-state the incontrovertible facts which make Full implementation essential:

Australian Marine Waters have relatively low productivity by world standards.

They have been over exploited for many decades so that commercially viable catches can only be made in small zones of the highest productivity.

To create a sustainable fishing industry these zones must be protected from exploitation. This will result in a re-population of the surrounding waters which will then be available for sustainable harvesting while being continuously replenished from the protected zones.

Without this degree of protection Australia will not have a viable fishing industry in a few decades. With this protection Australia is guaranteed a sustainable fishing industry into the future.

IT IS TIME THAT THE GOVERNMENT MADE DECISIONS FOR AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE BASED ON SCIENCE AND FACTS!

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