

Our seas are in crisis and there is no justification for halving the area protected. Our seas are illegally over-fished. Plastic is in a third of the seafood we eat now. 100% of seabirds will involuntarily ingest plastic within the next few years. Marine acid levels are rising. Marine wildlife is at a tipping point.

Business interests cannot override the national interest. A true economic analysis would conclude that the long-term benefits of sustainable fishing and tourism far outweighs the short-term benefits of intensive fishing, destructive development and increased shipping. Short-term benefits often accrue to overseas companies who have no vested interest in the sustainability of our waters and shores.

Vested short-term interests are robbing Australia and the world of its inheritance and future. The proposal to halve the protection of our marine parks must be resisted

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