

Dear Sir/Madam ,

It came as quite a shock to find out that the Australian Government is seriously considering to reduce the areas currently protected in marine parks and conservation areas. The shock went even further when I found out by how much.

We live in a world where overfishing is already threatening many species of marine wild life. We live in a world where our environment is seriously threatened by overconsumption and pollution, and where a mass extinction of all species is accelerating.

To even contemplate offering more of the already threatened animals and nature for slaughter is simply unacceptable; the short-sightedness of this idea leaves me speechless and begs the question if the planning committee is actually considering the future survival of our species and of the planet we inhabit, or if the range of perception stops is measured in mere years.

You and I, and everyone else making changes today will be held responsible by our children and all future generations for what we did, do and will do to stop and reverse this march towards mass extinction and the obliteration of our own species.

And the phrase 'how were we supposed to know' will not be accepted. We know. We knew.

I urge you: Do not allow for any protected marine areas to be removed from protection.

Kind regards,

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