

I am writing to express my dismay at and opposition to any plans to cut marine parks at all. The current plans to reduce the area of the ocean that is protected as marine parks by 50% is alarming and a backwards step for our marine environment.

No Government ever has taken this many hectares out of conservation before. It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history. The protections that were put in place by the previous government should remain in place. Areas such as Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites would lose half of the protected area from the Marine National Park.

Midwater trawling should also not be allowed, longlines cause so much destruction to our marine environments.

We need to protect these areas and the marine animals that inhabit them for future generations.

Please ensure our marine parks are maintained without any changes to current protection of our oceans.

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