

The Federal Government's plan to reduce the protection of marine parks and to allow a huge increase in industrial fishing in currently controlled areas, particularly the Coral Sea Marine Park, shows a short sightedness that is difficult to understand. We should be doing everything we can to protect and repair our oceans which are in an alarming state of decline.

This decision by our government has not been taken in ignorance and I cannot believe that the flimsy excuse of "negatively impacting community groups and our country's economy" (Mr. Frydenberg) is what is really driving this plan.

Let sanity prevail and maintain our protection of our most precious resource.

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