

To the relevant Government members

I am outraged at yet another potential act of environmental vandalism by this Government. In this age of over-consumerism, waste, pollution of all things nature-wise and a general 'don't give a bugger' attitude, the Government should be leading in conserving what remains of nature rather than further trashing it.

This Government has the worst record regarding the environment than any that I can remember and I have been voting for a very long time. As a former Environment Minister, Malcolm Turnbull has been a major disappointment with his change of attitude and it seems to me that that earth-destroyer Tony Abbott is still pulling the strings from the back bench, loyally backed-up by equally ignorant largely National Party hicks. I am disappointed as I had always been a Coalition voter - but not any more. You are ignoring all the warning signs from eminent scientists about the necessity to protect what we still have left - our oceans, our reef, our forests, our koala habitat etc etc.

It would be a travesty to cut the area of protected ocean by 50 percent. This was a major achievement by Tony Burke and the Labor Government and trashing it is foolish in the extreme and will be to Australia's, and eventually the world's, cost.

Stand up for what you had always believed in, Malcolm - the protection of the environment - and stop allowing a back-bencher to call the shots. Do not cut marine protection.

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