

## MARINE NATIONAL PARKS

This is addressed to the Australian Government:

I have signed every on line petition I can find to stop the proposed reduction of protected areas of our ocean. Hopefully, this short note from the heart will hold more weight!

Pristine areas are of the utmost importance for the recovery and protection of both the marine environment and marine life. This is if we think long term - over generations, as we should! For all sorts of reasons, even beyond the moral and ethical dimensions of being caretakers for those as yet, unborn. Unknown species - perhaps containing the wonder drug of the future, studies that could reveal important dynamics of the earth's system etc etc.

In the short-term, fishing and jobs. Whilst, I don't fish myself, I have family who do and we all love eating seafood! But both the industry and the hobby fishermen need to be regulated in a sustainable way. And I'm all for assistance for any jobs lost through a more long-term view taken of any industry. I think the burden should be shared by the whole community if the cost falls on one section. Surely a good use of our taxes!

Please don't wind back any protections already in place. Even better, work on finding other areas where protection granted now will enhance the long-term health of the earth.

Yours sincerely

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