

*Dear Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Minister for the Environment and Energy  
Josh Frydneberg,*

*Like many Australians I am extremely disappointed and alarmed by the changes you propose making to Australian protected marine areas. For example presently the recommendation for the "no take zone" in the Coral Sea is 54% your government plans to reduce this to 24%. Overall your government intends to increase areas of allowed fishing from 64% to 80% across all protected marine areas.*

*Why? The obvious answer is that your government is increasingly subservient to the extreme right wing of your party another example being your government's inability to formulate a comprehensive energy policy resulting in the present energy supply and pricing crisis.*

*How do you respond to criticisms of your handling of these issues? Your government continually treats the Australian people like idiots by blaming all and sundry rather than taking responsibility and moving forward with a morally responsible, forward thinking and scientifically critiqued framework for the protection and remediation of our unique and fragile environment.*

*What legacy does your government hope to leave? Who can say, certainly the main area of study by historians in the future will be the total dysfunction and inability of your government to make a decision on anything of lasting significance.*

*However you still have time to change this. Ignore the right wing and do the right thing! Protect the environment and by doing this make life better for all Australians now and in the future. At present your government is likely to be voted out at the next election so what have you got to lose?*

*Regards,*

*Ann Fardell*