

During my times going through the educational system i'd had always been taught that we must never take what we as australians have for granted because without out our natural resources we would not be one of the most substancial stake holders in the modern world. But growing up and watching how big of an impact our ocens have for our economy and way of life i soon realised that the thing we actually take for granted that superseded my orginal though was the natural resources that were seen as not profitable to other interntaional countrys. We as Australians live in a country that is sourounded with lush rainforest's, beautiful landscapes and sourounded by one of the most diverse water ecosystems in the world but all of that is under threat beacuse of the cuts to Australia's protected ocean territories which in my eyes serves as an injustice to all australians wether from the country or the coast and the thoughts and views of the public have definitely not been taken into consideration whilst making this change. We as australians make too much revinue from our oceans through tourisim and conservation work to simply not protect what we hold as our way of life and not only that but we use them every day to the extent that they are part of our very culture and history. if they are not protected then it will not only be an injustice to us as Australian citizens but to the future generations that wont be able to have the same benifts that we use to prosper now, but will simply never allow our childen to experience the great wonder and spectacular that is Australia's most defining aspect and that is that we are sourounded by water. if our oceans are ruined by the mistakes made by our politicians this day than it will not only be a major humilation in the eyes of the worlds major country's but we as Australian people cannot call Australia home

Yours sincerely

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