

The present Federal government is planning irreparable harm to marine national parks. It has already halved the marine park in the Coral Sea, Marion Reef and Osprey and removed Shark and Vema Reefs from the marine national park completely.

Over fishing has already depleted most of the oceans in the north and it is unconscionable that an Australian government is even considering these measures with the diversity of marine life in Australian waters. No doubt, the next step will be to introduce trawling and longlining which is completely unsustainable. We're already seeing what Chinese fishermen are doing in the region.

I'm sure I'm not alone at feeling strongly about this and I for one and I'm sure many others will make our feelings felt at the next election.

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