

I wish to formally object to the proposed Australian Marine Parks draft management plan.

In the Coral Sea alone the area placed in Marine National Parks has been halved. The same goes for Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park. **Shark and Vema Reefs have been taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether.**

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will be now be possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

No Government **ever** has taken this many hectares out of conservation before. **It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history.**

Instead of reducing the hectares protected we should be doing the exact opposite and increasing them.

Clearly these plans have no grasp of the threats posed to our marine environment, and come from a government that cares not one iota about protecting our world for future generations.

They, like you Minister, are unfit for purpose.

Yours sincerely

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