

To whom it may Concern

I am an ocean based waterman -surfer,kayaker,diver -who was once a keen fisherman as well. The obvious collapse in fish stocks that I have personally witnessed in my four decades in the water has cooled my interest in the latter "sport". Having travelled extensively it is obvious that the seas are becoming vast empty deserts( Indonesia with its overfishing and dynamite fishing is a particularly depressing example but South Africa's fisheries are collapsing too) and as an advanced wealthy economy we could provide one of the last refuges for oceanic life on earth. Please reconsider any plan to roll back our precious marine reserves (as the LNP State Government sadly did at our own Solitary Islands Marine Reserves near Coffs Harbour) for the sake of future generations and our blue planet.

I attach a sad photograph I took at our local Sapphire Beach a few weeks ago-another unnecessary grey nurse hastening the extinction of this harmless top-order species .

Hands off our marine reserves! PLEASE!

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