

To the responsible officer,

I understand the Australian Government is considering cutting back the area of ocean protected by Australia and write to you to share my opposition to such cutbacks.

Even if we were to focus solely on economic benefits, it does not make sense to reduce the area of protected ocean. Allowing fishing and other activities within these protected zones can only be sustained in the short term thus compromising the myriad other benefits the ocean provides over the long term. The economic benefit to be derived in the short term through reducing protected areas is dwarfed by the economic benefits derived over the long term from maintaining protected areas.

Regards,

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