

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the Australian Government is considering cutting the area of ocean Australia protects in marine sanctuaries by 50%. I understand that this will include halving the area protected in the Coral Sea including Marion Reef and Osprey Reef, Shark and Vema Reefs. Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and longlining from the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve all the way to the northern boundary.

This at a time when the Australian Government is also trying to divert our taxes to funding the grotesquely disgusting Adani Carmichael coal mine AND absurdly refusing to implement even Finkel's weak Clean Energy Target to allow domestic electricity to transition from coal to renewables. All of this placing an existential threat on Australia's coral ecosystems and collectively amounting to acts of reckless, criminal vandalism and putting at risk thousands of jobs in reef tourism.

No Government has taken this many hectares out of conservation in Australia's history. Please reconsider these retrograde proposals.

Sincerely,

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