

Dear Planning Committee,

I am very distressed to read of what is planned for the marine reserves.

To reduce the area of Marine national Parks is appalling. We should be increasing parks not reducing them. There is even a suggestion of taking Shark and Vema Reefs have been taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether.

To allow mid water trawling to be reintroduced and make it be possible for long lining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary is absolutely appalling. This goes against all independent scientific recommendations.

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

Please at the very least leave the marine reserves in their current size. Future generations will thank you for doing so.

Yours sincerely,

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