

It is staggering what this government is doing (and not doing) in relation to the environment. Their winding back of marine protections is just the latest in what is now a set pattern of behaviour. I am hopeful that in years to come, this period will be looked back on as the last time when politicians denied science and common sense in pursuit of their re-election, or in adherence to attitudes and values that have passed their use by date. I hope that this strategy backfires completely and our leaders are no longer able to deny the science and do as they please to the environment.

Perhaps a good start from all politicians would be to treat Question Time seriously, rather than as in-house theatre where the best thought is just the best insulting epithet, rather than the most insightful comment or forward-thinking plan.

I am appalled by what this current government is doing, but believe they have been allowed to do this because of the childish behaviour of all politicians. Your behaviour provides the model for the response from the general population as expressed on social media - full of spite, animosity, anger and small target thinking. Time you all grew up, or got out of the way and let new leaders take over.

Yours sincerely
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