

Dear Mr Dominello,

As a citizen of the world but with little power I have an urgent request.

Living in Sydney it might still seem very far away, but on a global scale the Great Barrier Reef is right on our doorstep. Other more local and perhaps more social issues may seem more urgent, but from a divers perspective I fear the bigger picture is lost.

Having seen the devastation of the reefs, has made me more determined to take an active stance to encourage everyone with the power to raise awareness that this man made destruction will have global damaging effect. Multiple factors are the cause of this, but If science and the clearly visible destruction have taught us anything, we need to make the right decisions. We do not own the Great Barrier Reef, we are but merely the custodians and bad ones at that.

Scientists have shown us the weather has a great effect on its destruction, but the undeniable fact is we all play a role in this. Taking steps back to more global warming is a faux pas, a wrong step, as a measure, and as a message to the world, as well as a disgusting legacy and important lesson for future earthlings.

Can we please go back to being rational beings and not even consider the option of thinking that the future of Australia and the world needs to rely on the destruction of the earth.

Please, I urge you for the sake of humanity to make the voice of the reef heard, by saving it from being eradicated completely in a very short time, by increasing global warmth from ancient coal mining projects.

Kind regards,

Philip Sleurs