

I am writing this submission to respectfully call on the current government to NOT reduce the marine areas under protection. We do not own these oceans for our own short term enrichment and must ensure we leave the seas around Australia to the next generation in as healthy and as productive a state as we inherited them from our ancestors. This for me is a vote changer issue.

There are many compelling reasons, scientific and social to not cut the areas protected by marine parks. Research and anecdotal evidence shows that these areas improve both the commercial and recreational fishing in the adjacent areas. Recreational fishing being by far the most important for local regional economies. They also advantage other commercial operators such as dive charters and tourist cruise operators now and long into the future.

Please protect these marine parks for the benefit of present and future generations of Australians.

Yours sincerely.

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PS. I am a recreational fisher and I always vote.