

To the Committee of Management,

Please note this is a formal submission regarding the proposed marine park reduction. It is irresponsible of my Government to consider rolling back protection to the Coral Sea, Marion Reef, Osprey Reef, Shark Reef and Vema Reef.

It is also a backward idea to reintroduce midwater trawling and to allow long lining at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

Our oceans are already under massive stress from overfishing and plastic pollution. Marine parks are needed to protect fish stocks and provide marine species with a safe haven.

Please DO NOT roll back marine protections.

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