

To whom it may concern.

I would ask that the size of Australian Marine National Parks be expanded not shrunk.

I have been a diver for about 20 years and in that time I have seen many changes to marine life. The stark contrast in the fish numbers and range of species when you dive in a marine park is incredible. Here on the east coast when you dive on a place like North-West rock you can often be surrounded by schools of fish. If you then go out of the park south it is like a desert in comparison.

We have to leave space to fish to breed so that the commercial fishing industry will survive for the long term. We have to listen to the science not the special interest groups who are in for quick money now.

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