

The proposal to severely cut back the system of marine reserves and protective measures introduced by a previous government should be rejected. In such an important matter it is essential to be guided by good science and long term vision rather than political concerns and short term interests. The existing system of reserves and measures was based on good science and economic as well as conservation needs, and represented a good outcome for all. The proposed cutbacks represent a big step backwards which will cause lasting damage to our oceans and the wildlife and human activities and industries they support.

I live near the Coral Sea, but this is just one of the marine areas all around the country that would suffer greatly from the proposed dismantling of protections, and I beg you not to allow this to happen.

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