

Please leave the current marine parks of Australia as established by the Labor Government intact. There is NO reason to reduce protection on any part of the Great Barrier Reef. The GBR needs all the help it can get with the threats to existence coming at it from all angles, climate change, pollution, agricultural run off, overfishing and overuse. Marine parks are a vital resource to allow marine based organisms to thrive without disturbance. The reintroduction of mid-water trawling and even long lining in the Coral Sea can only be to the long term detriment of the health of these areas. Marion Reef and Osprey Reef marine sanctuaries need to be kept at current size and not reduced by half. Shark and Vema Reefs have been judged as requiring Marine Park status and should remain so.

Please reconsider these changes to ensure the marine environment inherited by our descendants is in good shape.

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