



To Whom It May Concern

Just when most of the world's climate and oceans are in crisis due to the perverse human overuse of fossil fuels and runaway deforestation, you our government choose instead to add to your sins by winding back the protection of our marine parks.

Individually and collectively our governments have intensified deforestation and attempted to disdainfully influence the general public that fossil fuels, especially coal "is the future." Let's face it, they are still cultivating blindness to the rest of the world's reality in favour of selfish short term profit.

This retrogressive rollback of protection for our marine parks highlights the type of thinking that is as passe as the despoiling of our pristine (and needed) Australian forests for the same purpose of giving free rein to oil and gas companies.

Our protected marine parks desperately need to be enlarged, not decreased. With more protection, not less.

Please consider the future generations who will no longer be able to enjoy the beauty that we have now, if through selfishness we destroy our unique natural heritage of reefs and the bio-diverse life that depends on them. At the very least, please give thought to the future of our tourist industry, if worse comes worst and the coral reefs and pristine waters that Australia is famous for and that so many millions of people visit Australia to enjoy, are gone..

Thank you ~ Karin Hannah

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