

I do NOT want the boundaries of our marine parks changed to reduce their size or any changes made to the current protections in place.

With the threats to our marine stocks currently from illegal fishing, by other countries and individuals, and the critically endangered breeding stocks of our coastline marine life, there is no case for the Australian public to benefit long term from your proposals .

Only a few profiteering individuals and companies who do not represent the majority of Australians, are pushing for the proposed changes.

You do not have a mandate to change such a critical part of our environmental laws and with a one seat or less , possibly NO majority, I believe there is an ethical reason that you should not make any changes to current safeguards. The marine world is so threatened already, that there is only cause to increase, rather than decrease these safeguards.

With on land fisheries of prawns and other fish increasing, and a huge waste of sea caught fish, and trawling of fish breeding areas for cat food and the destruction of natural habitats through dredging and scraping of the sea beds and mining pollution and the run off from fertilisers and the plastic pollution amongst a few of our man made destructions of the marine eco systems, there is no case to reduce the few protections that are in place.

I have already told my local member of parliament, in a marginal seat, where the previous member has been found to be on the employment of a lobbying group before he even quit parliament, that I will NOT vote for the Liberal party if these proposed marine park changes occur.

Labour voters are not the only voters concerned about the environment. Government bodies like yours are not there to listen to lobbyists and assist or enable them to profit. Clearly, there is pressure by some to profit, but it has been shown that these parties do NOT care about the future of the marine environment and are not representing the Australian people. Safeguards had to be increased to safeguard endangered breeding areas and there is no case to reduce these in the face of an overwhelming and increasing man made threat to our marine life and fishery reserves.