

Dear Minister,

I am against the Australian Government cutting the area of ocean Australia protects **by 50%**.

These changes will make Australia **the world leader in winding back protection for the oceans**. No Government ever has taken this many hectares out of conservation before.

Midwater trawling should not be reintroduced, and longlining should not be started in the Coral Sea reserve.

Please do not take the **largest backward step in areas under conservation in history**.

We are already a world leader in other crap practices, such as refugee incarceration, and appalling engagement with and action on climate targets (both Liberal and Labour governments have been pathetic). Please don't add to the litany of wrongs, which history (and hopefully the public at the next election) will judge as madness.

Yours sincerely,

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