

**To the Environment Minister,**

**I am writing to you today to let you know that I reject the Government's plans to cut marine protection. Please stop winding back ocean protection when it needs it the most!**

In the Coral Sea alone the area placed in Marine National Parks has been halved. The same goes for Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park. **Shark and Vema Reefs have been taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether.**

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will be now be possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

No Government **ever** has taken this many hectares out of conservation before. **It's the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history.**

**I just watched Chasing Coral and our oceans are in real trouble, they need more protection NOT what this government is planning. Please do your job and stop this backward step!**

**Regards,**

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Sent from my iPhone