

I am writing to register my disagreement with any Australian Government policy that results in a cutting back of the area covered by the Marine National Parks.

When these parks were created they made Australia a world leader in sea life conservation.

Environments were being protected not purely for economic reasons but because Australia was showing the world that marine ecosystems and the species living there in merited protection in their own right, not just as a potential resource for humanity.

The Australian government of the time and therefore the Australian people, projected to the wider world a level of integrity and concern for the continued evolution of all species inhabiting the oceans that is sadly absent from the large majority of world government decisions.

This was a policy that stood out internationally as giving consideration to factors other than human short term economic need.

Any downsizing of the marine parks sends quite the opposite message; that Australia is in fact as shortsighted and morally bankrupt with regard to the protection of all forms of life other than humanity, as are the majority of nations whose decisions vis a vis environmental protection are based wholly on myopic economic considerations.

Yours Sincerely,

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