

Dear Australian Government,

it came as a shock to me to hear that the Australian Government is considering cutting the area of ocean Australia protects **by 50%**.

We live in such a beautiful country and our marine life is so precious that we should do everything in our power to protect it for future generations.

I therefore can't understand the plans to half the Marine National Parks in the Coral Sea and Marion Reef. Also 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.**

I can only ask you to reconsider these plans to take out this many hectares of conservation before. We should do exactly the opposite and protect even more areas of our beautiful ocean.

Many thanks for considering this submission,

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Sent from my iPhone