

Dear Sirs, I am deeply concerned by the proposal to reduce environmental protection in the oceans adjacent to Australia. It has become apparent that humanity is inflicting unsustainable damage to the ecosphere. There is a moral imperative that humans use our intelligence and consciences to restrain our greed. To remain healthy our ecosphere needs wilderness, untouched by man's clumsy interventions, both on land and in the ocean.

Please do not reduce the marine reserves.

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