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"The number of protected turtles hooked by commercial fishers along Australia's east coast has jumped TENFOLD over the past five years, sparking fears for the fate of vulnerable ocean life as the Turnbull government moves to tear up marine sanctuary protections.

An analysis of government data has also revealed a rise in the number of dolphins and whales, as well as seabirds such as Albatrosses, ensnared by commercial fishers since 2012.

However, the latest data was not included in a report to government on the windback of marine protections, which relied on evidence gathered before the increase was recorded."

So for the record I bring this very important information to your attention

I suggest if indeed you care about protecting the marine community that you make this data available to be included - in good faith in your considerations

Yours sincerely

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