

I wish to register my extreme disappointment and sense of frustration with the proposed significant reduction or, in a number of instances, abolition of National Marine Parks established 5 years ago by former Labor Minister Burke.

This is a retrograde and reckless act which will greatly imperil our fragile marine environments and biodiversity that they support, already under vast threat from rampant climate change and rapidly increasing water temperatures. The reintroduction of widespread fishing trawling and vessel movement in these oceans are burdens which they will simply not be able to carry.

I urge you to maintain or where scientifically recommended increase these maritime reserves in the interest of maintaining their continued integrity and well being.

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