

The coast, oceans and marine parks of Australia are firstly, the home and property of the marine life that occupies them and secondly, a closely held source of joy and pride to the vast majority of Australians. The Very Vast Majority. In fact the only Australians who don't hold this view would be those with a vested interest in making a profit from their misuse and demise. Take Adani Mines as an example. Adani isn't even Australian and yet the current government is behaving like a mere servant, bowing before his King and offering up his belongings through sheer misplaced awe of wealth. It's simply sickening. When the government kowtows to people and companies because of their perceived wealth and power, you humiliate us all. You reduce us to the status of serfs, grateful for any crumb that falls from the table of the powerful. That is not the Australian psyche. We are a proud people. And yet we have no voice. The government is entrusted to REPRESENT US, yet you only represent your own greed for profit and producing an economic statement glowing with statistics that suggest you're making us all rich and running the country well. You hope this gets you re elected. You're living for the moment. Once you begin this destruction there's no going back. Be it through mining, fishing, trawlers or shipping lanes to name a few. The next generation will look back on your actions and find you both responsible and deplorable. Your legacy will be one of greed and stupidity. And failure. The elected government, from whichever political ilk, is NOT the owner of these delicately balanced and finely tuned environments. You are elected to run our infrastructure but never at the expense of the home that supports us all. You are mere humans. Land bound for your survival and brief visitors to the oceans. We are not the only species worth protecting and are in fact are the only species who functions for any reason other than sustaining life. You hold all of this **in trust** for ALL OF US. You are **caretakers** for us all and yet you take no care. In the face of outrage and objection from the people, you power ahead on your own agenda doing "business" like this country is a conglomerate set up only to make as much money as possible. You are the CEO and answer to nobody. You humiliate us all by discounting our passions and opinions, which incidentally, are more valid than your own when you are an elected representative. How narrow you are. How stupid. How shortsighted. How egocentric. And how very, very careless. How dare you take such liberties with something that is not yours.

**DO NOT REDUCE THE PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIA'S OCEANS BY EVEN 1%. This is not your decision to make.**