

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my disappointment at the proposed halving of Australia's current marine protection borders by the present Government.

It is important to protect Australia's oceans and marine environments for us now and for future generations to come, by continuing to retain the current heritage zones and by not relaxing the boundaries.

Please consider the long term effects and consequences these short-term gains have and the associated costs arising from mismanagement and over utilisation of marine resources.

It is ultimately us, the tax payers and citizens of this country who pay for one bad decision in history. Let that decision be one which values preservation of our marine environment. This too brings associated cost-benefits if only we were motivated by the longer-term view.

Preservation is a verb and taking action in this regard is truly an effective benefit to the viability of marine resources now and into the future.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind regards
Beverly Sander