

Dear Sir/Madam

I appeal to you to stop the slashing of Australia's marine parks. They are needed to preserve the life in the oceans which is being depleted by too much fishing. Fish must have a chance to breed and multiply, otherwise there will soon be nothing left to fish for. I M Also horrified by the resumption of netting in some areas. Many marine animals- useless as food to humans - are caught in these nets and killed. We will all be the poorer for the loss of life in the seas. Apart from the loss of fish to eat there are many species yet to be identified which could prove of use to human beings, although that should not be the main criteria for preserving them. We still do not know what will be the ultimate result of barren oceans. Please help Australia to be in the forefront of marine conservation, not the destroyer of it.

Yours sincerely

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