

As a Geography teacher for 36 years I endeavoured to teach my students about the need to protect our environment and to everything in their power to use our world's resources in a sustainable and responsible way. I can not believe the way our government has reduce our Marine National Parks in the Coral and Marion Reef by more than 50%. They have also halved the area of Osprey Reef and I believe they have taken Shark and Vema Reefs out the Maritime National Parks altogether.

I believe it absolutely vital to not only protect the current Marine Parks but to do every thing in the government's power to increase the number of parks

So that future generations will have a sustainable resource to work with. We live at a time in our history where our decisions about our environment are more important than ever before. Entire ecosystems are under severe threat from global warming and we need to take every precaution to help them survive and continue to be there for our children and grandchildren.

Proposed actions by this government to continue to reduce our Marine National Parks is so short sighted and in every respect a false economy. Our Marine Parks are vital in ensuring that we have sustainable oceans around Australia.

Keep our National Marine Parks so my wife and I, our nine children and eighteen grandchildren can be proud of the measures our government has taken to ensure a sustainable future.

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