

Dear Minister Frydenberg

The Federal Government's proposed changes to Australia's Marine Parks will make Australia the world leader in winding back protection for the oceans.

In the Coral Sea alone the area placed in Marine National Parks has been halved. The same goes for Marion Reef. Even Osprey Reef, one of the top dive sites in the world has had half its area removed from the Marine National Park. Shark and Vema Reefs have been taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether.

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will be now be possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary.

Please reconsider going ahead with the proposed changes.

Regards

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