

To the Management Planning of Marine Environment

I am opposed to cutting the area of Marine Parks. To cut by half these important reserves will destroy our marine life.

These changes will make Australia the world leader in winding back protection for the oceans.

It's a disgrace that in the Coral Sea, Marion Reef and Osprey Reef the areas placed in Marine National Parks have been halved. To make matters worse the removal from Marine National Parks of the Shark and Vema Reefs is unforgivable .

These actions are the largest backward step in areas under conservation in history. No Government ever has taken this many hectares out of conservation before.

To reintroduce Midwater trawling and make it possible for longlining to start at the southern tip of the Coral Sea reserve and continue all the way to the northern boundary will destroy the whole ecosystem.

Our Marine areas need protecting not destruction on such a broad scale.

Yours Truly

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