

Good afternoon Minister Frydenberg.

I would like to express my concern with the proposed changes that will reduce Australia's role in the protection of the oceans on this planet.

I am concerned that the areas of the Coral Sea, Marion Reef and Osprey Reefs in the Marine National Parks are to be halved **and the Shark and Vema Reefs are to be taken out of the Marine National Park area altogether.**

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

One can assume that the changes are for the benefit of commercial interests rather than the preservation of already depleted natural environments on this planet. What will it take for humans to learn that we have a responsibility not to destroy this planet.

Please reconsider your position,

Yours sincerely,

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