

Dear Josh,

I would like you to take action to support a large network of marine sanctuaries that will protect Australia's oceans, as proposed 5 years ago by minister Burke.

We need ocean protection now for the sake of the future of our natural world and human health.

The ocean is a part of me.

These changes 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. We cannot let this happen!**

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. I do not want this and neither does the Australian public.

Please protect nature and implement the national network of marine sanctuaries to protect our ocean life now.

Kind regards,

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