

Dear Minister Frydenberg,

Please honour the intelligence, the talent and the hard work that enabled you to achieve high government office in our wonderful country.

Surely you don't want your legacy to be the destruction of our unique ocean environment - because this is what it will amount to in the long run, if these proposed cuts proceed!

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.**

Midwater trawling is to be reintroduced and it will 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.

All this is a tragic step backwards enabling those, whose sole purpose is to exploit these areas for their own profit, free access to these vulnerable marine environments.

Please stand strong and protect our precious Marine Parks

Yours sincerely,

Maimie Lim.