



Community Submissions to JSCOT regarding BBNJ Agreement Ratification

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To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean is the earth's lung.

Full name: Paul Dolan

Dear Committee Secretary,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you today with a profound sense of urgency and a deep passion for the preservation of our oceans. The Global Ocean Treaty, a monumental agreement in the history of international conservation, represents a critical opportunity for Australia to demonstrate its commitment to protecting our planet's marine life.

Australia's official signing of the Treaty in September last year was a significant step forward. However, the real impact lies in the ratification of this Treaty, making it legally binding within our nation. The recent tabling of the Treaty in Parliament and the publication of the Regulatory Impact Statement mark crucial milestones in this process.

As an ocean-loving Australian, I implore the Committee to consider the following recommendations:

Ratify the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure its completion by June 2025. The accelerating climate crisis poses an existential threat to our marine ecosystems and the global economy. Timely ratification will not only safeguard our rich marine biodiversity but also reinforce Australia's leadership in global ocean protection.

Champion the establishment of a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand. The Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea regions are

teeming with unique and diverse marine life. Protecting these areas will provide a sanctuary for species to recover and thrive, contributing significantly to the global ambition of protecting at least 30% of our oceans by 2030.

The ongoing climate crisis impacts every aspect of our economy and ecology, from the health of our coral reefs to the livelihoods of coastal communities. By ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty and advocating for marine sanctuaries, Australia can lead by example in the fight against climate change and ocean degradation.

This is a pivotal moment for our nation to demonstrate real global leadership in ocean conservation. I urge the Committee to act decisively and with the urgency that this cause demands. Together, we can ensure a healthier, more resilient ocean for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Gareth Williams

Full name: Gareth Williams

To the Committee Secretary,
Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty on behalf of Australia.
Our oceans need protection - it is really important to life now and in the future to step up our efforts.
So much of our lives depend on healthy oceans - food, rain, climate - and we need to do our utmost to protect what is a large percentage of our planet and on which healthy lives for all of us depend upon. Ocean conservation is truly needed - please vote to make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding for us, for our neighbours in the Pacific, for nature, for a better world.
Yours Sincerely,
Meeghan Auhl

Full name: Meeghan Auhl

To the Committee Secretary,
We need to protect our oceans and ocean life and all who depend on them in a legally binding and meaningful way or we will lose them forever.
Thank you.

Full name: Christy Markiewicz

To the Committee Secretary, Because I care

Full name: Cara Johanson

To the Committee Secretary,
I believe in a world of denial, misinformation and rife with ignorant right-wing ideology, someone needs to take a stand.
Decisions need to be made on scientific, logical and ethical grounds, not to appease the skill of misinformed constituents or aligned to the fear of how many votes will or will not be lost.
It is time to move forward and this will be a huge boost for the welfare of the planet but just a baby step in the right direction. :)

Full name: Demetrios Bandas

To the Committee Secretary,
A an ocean lover and committed environmentalist I want the Australian Government to ratify the Gobar Ocean Treaty.
Most of our planet is ocean and it's under pressure in all directions.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

sincerely
Kath dolan

Full name: kath dolan

Save the ocean is so important for saving this planet! Thus saving all species, including humans!

Full name: Anny Velde

To the Committee Secretary,
Thank you for the Global Ocean Treaty! This is a huge step in saving our seas and ensuring our oceans' are healthy for future generations!

I ask that you please prioritize making this a legally binding treaty, as this will be vital to enforce and maintain the integrity of the treaty moving forward.

Thank you again!
Angela White

Full name: Angela White

To the Committee Secretary,

As a keen environmentalist I have snorkeled and dived in many of the world's oceans, exploring nature in its marine splendor. From The Pacific Ocean to the

Great Barrier Reef and at Ningaloo, the variety of marine life is incredible and must be protected for its sake, and ours.

In my submission I recommend that the Australian Govt ratifies the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025; Champions a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Thank you.

Full name: Mark Jones

To the Committee Secretary,

My name is Mark Cramond from Parkside, SA.

The global ocean is important to me because it represents the vast majority of the Earth's surface, and humanity must address the destruction we have wrought upon it. It is a source of shame for contemporary society for this damage to occur on our watch.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Sincerely,

Mark Cramond

Full name: Mark Cramond

To the Committee Secretary, it is essential that the issues regarding biodiversity in our oceans and across all reaches of our planet are addressed as soon as possible. Ignoring the sounds of sirens is unwise, so why should we ignore these warnings?

Full name: Rebecca Parr

To the Committee Secretary, we must recognise that we rely upon the natural environment for our lives. We are a part of nature and must protect it, including the oceans, otherwise we are destroying ourselves.

Full name: Jonathan Cuniowski

To the Committee Secretary,
A global ocean treaty is critical right now as we are seeing the effects of 'lawlessness' on our oceans and their communities; Over fishing, cruelty on the sea to marine animals, climate change affecting ocean temperatures, plastic everywhere, offering some controls for ocean high seas.
Our vulnerable marine life and marine environment can't speak for itself so we must. Plus it's best for all of humanity.
ACT NOW and protect international waters. All countries must do so,
Regards
Kelly Kulinski

Full name: Kelly Kulinski

To the Committee Secretary,

I am a 63 year old who has felt deeply connected to the natural environment, the ocean & all it's creatures from a very early age. Perhaps because I grew up in a rural area when very young, where daily it is in your face so to speak.

Then on the coast for primary school years learning the moods of the ocean to stay safe in the water on my own from the age of 7. With much of my adult life living in semi-rural or small regional towns, where nature & creatures & importantly, insects are not out of sight, out of mind.

And yes perhaps being more sensitive to my surroundings, than most people are, I discovered quite early on.

Since becoming aware & more informed in my 20s, of the overall utter disconnect from awe & respect of nature & the planet sustaining our life & the overall abysmal ignorance of most humans to the affect "convenience", "gross profiteering from free nature", killing us all slowly, my heart has been slowly breaking.

Bandaidd approaches have all been political ever since.

For 40 years i have been wondering sadly why on earth has Bamboo not been growing to be chipped for our insane amount of cardboard packaging, just for one significance. Yet still we continue to be one of the worst deforestation nations, pandering to the short term lobbyists of profit & the usual hyper sensationalism of not that many job losses.

Everyone else is supposed to have found jobs that the digital world, automation & now AI is sucking up. Why should forestry, commercial fishing employment, just for 2 examples, be more special in accepting private or govt lobbyist agendas?

Even though the science, & empirical observation, always improving or adjusted has been banging on since not long after the industrial revolution in fact, about the insidious affect of unfettered & barely if mostly unregulated rapacious abuse of our planet's resources for vanity, greed & the worst, gross convenience.

The out of sight out of mind mentality for our oceans , like our abysmal approach to forestry here, must stop now.

For a first world nation of higher than average regulation on just about everything, yet paralleling higher than average protection for money laundering & white collar crime & pandering to profiteer lobbying, over long-term negative effects has been heartbreaking.

My heart healed somewhat when the conservative, suspiciously wealth creation above people evangelical Govt lost the last general election.

So many decades of profit before people & the planet that sustains us all, to undo! So much public short term vanity & apathy or "someone else will fix things", to overcome. So much distraction, overstimulation or stresses from the growing financial inequality gap for decades leaving the public little emotional & energy room for any reflection or awareness.

Please forgive the less than on topic specific letter. But I can't help feel bigger picture inclusion. The fragmentation of connection & over sanitization in most levels of living, on the planet & our impact is the problem. Besides the legal abuse of humans vulnerability by multinational power houses, to consume consume more & more baubles & bubbles while we suck the life literally out of everything to do so.

Thanking you all so much for working on the Global Oceans Treaty.

Finally & on specific topic!

As one Pacific island mayor said...., sorry I don't have the reference as i forget who & where exactly worked out.... One sharks life in their waters it was worked out, equated to near a million tourism dollars for their ocean region. Way more than the sickness of buying a shark fin for paltry \$2k. At the time I read the article years ago.

Please protect more ocean than simply adequate.

Please do not allow spurious horrid alternatives for aquaculture. Such as intelligent as 5yr olds, solitary & curious octopus, now being farmed in Europe, just to sate the gross foodies novelty fads.

I hope before I die to see more than bandaid approaches, less glacial action on regulations & actual real enforcement funding & truly significant fines. To die with a scar on my heart rather than it's perpetual open wound.

Kind regards in good faith, Karen Guy

Full name: Karen Guy

To the Committee Secretary,

Healthy oceans affects the world's biodiversity, and protect valuable ecosystems. Half of our oxygen is produced from the ocean, which covers 3/4 of our planet! Save it,
Xayna

Full name: Xayna Noman

To the Committee Secretary,

We are running out of time. If we are truly and absolutely wanting to protect the oceans, now now now is what we want and need. Talk talk talk doesn't lock in. Action now. Solidified. Secure. Locked in. Global Ocean Treaty. The Oceans are screaming out for protection from human destruction. We can do this.

Thank you for your time and for protecting Planet Earth.

Kind regards

Linda Mathieson

Full name: Linda Mathieson

To the Committee Secretary,
We only have one ocean...

Full name: Mirinda Boaz-Cole

Our oceans are an important and precious part of our ecosystem. What will become of them if we fail to protect them? We have a duty to our earth and to the upcoming generations to preserve this delicate balance. The Global Ocean Treaty would be a powerful tool in this endeavour.

Full name: Elizabeth Purchase

To the Committee Secretary, dear government the fish in our seas are necessary to our fragile ecosystem and whilst seafood is delicacy for more people on earth , the plastic fish consume because of the filth in our waters only adds to our medical system costs anyway as well as eroding another of earth's precious ecosystems ..

Full name: Adrian Benvenga

Please as a person in power, fulfill what us as the common people wish for,
please protect the environment

Full name: chris behan

To the Committee Secretary,
Only because it will help protect all life on Earth!!!
So yes...Fairly important!

Full name: Rob Clifton

To the Committee Secretary,
I write to urge the Australian Government to take all the steps necessary to
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.
It is essential that we support this vital ocean conservation as the myriad
pressures on ocean health and stability continue to increase,
Yours sincerely,
Rosie White

Full name: Rosie White

To the Committee Secretary,

I support the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty to protect 30% of the
world's oceans by 2030.

I care about the oceans in many ways.

I enjoy snorkeling and diving. I have had the chance to dive in both the Great Barrier Reef and Ningaloo Reef, swim with whale sharks and find myself face to face with a magnificent manta ray. Our oceans are a beautiful place supporting an incredible diversity of wildlife.

Sadly our oceans are suffering. They are endangered by pollution, overfishing and climate change.

I am a father, I doubt that my one year old son will be able to explore coral reefs the same way that I did and that saddens me. This year coral bleaching in the Great Barrier has been one of the worse, dealing a massive blow to previous years recovery.

Our oceans support us, they are part of complex systems that make planet earth a liveable place. They absorb an incredible amount of carbon dioxide, and generate a great amount of the oxygen we need to live. They are a distinctive and essential feature of our planet.

While creating sanctuaries will not protect it for all the threats, it is indispensable to help oceanic ecosystems to survive.

The success of recovery in manta rays populations in the marine protected areas of Raja Ampat in Indonesia is a great example of how sanctuaries can help oceans to bounce back.

On top of implementing the treaty, the Australian government must address other issues such as drastically reducing emissions, plastic pollution and other sources of pollution from land and rivers.

Full name: Nicolas Pascal

To the Committee Secretary,

Protecting the ocean is critical, as it sustains not only humankind but many other creatures as well. A healthy ocean is important in the fight against climate change. We must get as many countries on board in order to make an impactful change.

Thank you for your time.
Chelsea Berg

Full name: Chelsea Berg

Tto commit to cleaning up the ocean and protecting wildlifeo the Committee
Secretary,

Full name: Bernadette Bly

I want the Australian to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty

Full name: Alan Ribas

To the Committee Secretary,

Please protect out oceans, the vital ecosystems they are and the animals that
call it home

Full name: Renee Simpson

To the Committee Secretary,
Please, do your part and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty – the most significant
global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime.
Save the Great Barrier Reef for your children to enjoy too,
Harri

Full name: Harri Timonen

To the Committee Secretary, please protect our oceans, they need all the help
they can get.

Full name: Lynne Stokes

To the Committee Secretary,
this Earth is precious, and part of its miraculous beauty are our seas. If they are
damaged and their natural beauty (wildlife, habitat) disappears, it is lost forever.
Please ratify the treaty to increase protection.
:)

Full name: Roy B

To the Committee Secretary,

Do the right thing for the world and the future.

Thanks

Jesse gore

Full name: Jesse Gore

To the Committee Secretary, I'm asking the government to ratify the global ocean treaty to increase protection of these unique environments. Many ocean species and habitats are under threat due to human interference. Please increase protection of these wonderful environments

Full name: Suzette Cooper

To the Committee Secretary, yes, ratify it

Full name: Paul read

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Thank you.

Full name: Vatche Gulbekian

To the Committee Secretary,

We are writing to implore you to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. It's a once off opportunity to get in and help save our vulnerable marine-life.

Humans have already used two cards in our hand against our planet. Rather than allow man-made destruction to continue, it's time to draw a line.

Please, we need you to stand up now, as you the Government have the power here.

A marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand is another essential step and show global leadership to protect our Ocean creatures for the future.

Thank you for reading this,

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Schliebs
Croydon, Victoria

Full name: Jacqueline Schliebs

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty Now! It is of utmost importance for the future of our children and grandchildren. By ratifying you improve the chances to leave a livable planet for the future generations.

Hendrik van Prooije

Full name: Hendrik van Prooije

To the Committee Secretary, Because the only way to ensure continued protection is to have a ratified treaty for all countries to observe.

Full name: John Cashion

To the Committee Secretary, do what we all know is right, show an attempt to protect that great amniotic body of fluid that began us so we and all species can perhaps continue on this beautiful blue planet for as long as is possible. Thanks.

Full name: rory moore

To the Committee Secretary,
I urge the Australian government to ratify the Global Ocean treaty to protect and converse the already depleted oceans and species. and preserve and protect for future generations.

Full name: Michael Rolik

To the Committee Secretary,
Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Our oceans are so important to our world. They deserve the greatest of respect and care for their wellbeing. For their own beauty as well as the significant influence they have on our lives, and our wellbeing, as humans. Ratifying this treaty and then making the changes to our Australian laws to make ocean protection a national priority and embed the love of the ocean even more deeply into our culture, is a way of ensuring that future generations enjoy the same interdependence with the ocean that so many generations of first nations Australians and immigrants have thus far. Please - do what you must surely know to be right in the journey towards keeping our Planet liveable.
Sincerely,

Nicole Moore



Full name: Nicole Moore

To the Committee Secretary, Stop the production of throw away individual plastic wrapping. Any plastic that is not recyclable. All solid plastic containers to be coded when purchased for Id. purposes and fines. No deep-sea mining or any ocean mining. Establish international protected areas of spawning to be free from human interference.

Full name: Hans Manson

To the Committee Secretary,

Let us be good ancestors and protect our oceans for future generations.

Full name: Fourieka reyneke

To the Committee Secretary, I would to thank the Australian Government for joining the Global Ocean Treaty. Please consider funding and assisting with the removal of plastic and garbage from Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Help our neighboring countries understand the implications of throw away plastic. Encourage the public to refrain from use of plastic and implement large taxes on companies who make these products. I believe that more should be done to reverse human impact on the Great Barrier Reef. Set an example to the world by opposing gas project like the Woodside Burrup Peninsula project and seismic blasting in migratory routes. We should stand up and protect our oceans and encourage the Global Ocean Treaty participants to do the same.

Full name: Julia Leech

To the Committee Secretary,

It's important to me that the Global Ocean Treaty is ratified to be legally binding. Careful assessment and monitoring are essential to regulate the fishing industry to keep it as sustainable as possible.

As the ocean affects all of us, its waters covering over 70% of our planet producing half the earth's oxygen, helping to regulate our climate, providing food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life it's up to us to protect it for ours and future generations.

Full name: Freya Morgan

To the Committee Secretary,

It's important to me that the Global Ocean Treaty is ratified to be legally binding. Industrial fishing is unsustainable and needs to be carefully assessed and monitored.

The ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

Full name: Eric Morgan

To the Committee Secretary,

The ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

This is why it's important to me that the Global Ocean Treaty is ratified to be legally binding.

Industrial fishing is unsustainable and needs to be carefully assessed and monitored.

Full name: Jackie Wright

To the Committee Secretary,

The ocean is full of living things and the biodiversity helps to keep us all alive. We need to start learning how to live sustainably on this planet, not just keep raping it for an economic gain.

Full name: Kaycee Wyatt

To the Committee Secretary,
I urge you to make ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty the highest priority for the government before the next federal electoral cycle. While labour and the greens are able to agree upon the passing of this legislation, it is imperative for it to be tabled and passed by each house of parliament as soon as possible. Australia's standing in the international community and reputation as a nation (and destination) of exceptional natural beauty can only benefit from incorporating the principles of this treaty into Australian law. The long term environmental and societal benefits of ratifying this treaty can not be ignored, and must be acted upon as soon as possible.
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make this submission.

Full name: Katherine Dorward

To the Committee Secretary,

We need you to close the deal towards bringing the Global Ocean Treaty to life to reality. It's now or never that we do the right thing by our ocean. Instead of governments changing the goal post, we need this treaty to be binding to whichever government governs our nation.

We live close to the ocean and we want our children to be able to enjoy the greatness of the ocean like we have had experienced.

Our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

The ocean needs protecting and there's no better way than closing the loopholes. Please help us all. Do the right thing.

We need to protect our future.
Regards,

Rex

Full name: Rex Ruf

To the Committee Secretary, our Oceans are for everyone - human and non-human- not ours alone.
Protect our Oceans please.

Full name: Patricia FitzGerald

To the Committee Secretary, Whether you live by the sea, or hundreds of kilometres inland, the ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

The ocean needs protecting – and we need it done now!

Full name: Natalie Moreno

To the Committee Secretary,

We must do all that we can to protect the world's oceans and to work globally rather than as individual nations seeking individual gains. We cannot allow for

the world's oceans to be able to be exploited for short term gains by individuals which then creates catastrophic consequences for the rest of the world.

For the sake of my little girls who love the ocean and all of it's unique life. For the sake of all the children I teach who adore the beach and learning about our special sea creatures. We must take any chance we can to protect these precious environments for future generations.

Elise Graymore

Mother and primary school teacher

Full name: Elise Graymore

To the Committee Secretary, I want there to be a future for the animals in the ocean. A future that is clean and vibrant, allowing for future generations to appreciate the beauty of it, much like our generation

Full name: Addison Possamai

Australian Government
To the Committee Secretary,

Just DO IT!

Legalise the Global Ocean Treaty.

Maryg

Full name: Mary Grant

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty and help protect our oceans and the lives they support, which includes our own. I feel incredibly strongly about this and ask you to act with courage and urgency to ensure healthy outcomes for the future of the global environment.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

Dan Davies

Full name: Dan Davies

To the Committee Secretary, I wish the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as our precious Oceans and associated flora and fauna need protection. If the oceans die so does life on Earth, we must preserve our Oceans.

Full name: Rachel Redfern

To the Committee Secretary,
The oceans need protecting and all the marine life within.
Please ensure this happens.
Thank you.
Jo

Full name: Jo Bilson

To the Committee Secretary, please do everything you can to protect all oceans, this is vital to life as we know it. We live in an ecosystem that we need to protect for balance and health of our planet and all that exist upon it. Please be responsible and do as you should to protect and preserve, not back rape and pillage. Thank you.

Full name: Wendy Groves

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean, in its natural state, is a treasure trove of biodiversity, a vast bioengine in Earth's vital systems and a provider of livelihood for ocean communities. Protection of the ocean is essential and must be secured by international law. Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty and History will judge you well.

Full name: Adrian Nicholas

To the Committee Secretary, because I care about the environment

Full name: Nicole Richards

To the Committee Secretary, To ensure our nation's water safety for the marine life Please help.

Full name: Lualda Simmons

To the Committee Secretary,
I want future generations to be able to enjoy the beauty of the ocean. The Global Ocean Treaty is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our life time. Ocean protection affects all of us. Australia must join in ratifying it.

Full name: mary ellen

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as soon as possible and make it legally binding. This will assist Australian and global economic growth, the environment, marine life, biodiversity and broader flora and fauna.

Full name: Jon Othitis

To the Committee Secretary, I am summarily and constantly appalled at the way

our government has abrogated its responsibility to environmental conservation and the screaming issues we face as a species. Anything and everything that might claw back an awareness amongst the populace can only be beneficial to our existence and may go somewhere to make people realise that extinction is forever.

Full name: Kerri Whitehead

To the Committee Secretary, omdat het heel erg nodig is!

Full name: Lina van der Lende

I was raised by the Sydney Harbour. To the Twitter is our best friend. The ocean provides a venue for sport relaxation and for fish, global warming are disturbing the environment in the ocean which affects the planet and food chain. Drastically. 50 yrs ago a diver could see fish around the waters at Shelley Beach mainly. Not now. If the fish become extinct along with so many other animals. Chances we humans will become extinct too. My poems explain the meaning of oceans and sea better than I have done here. Q global treaties are necessary if the water and its habitat are at peace it may help bring peace to the planet.

Full name: Marilyn Pemberton

To the Committee Secretary, if we want to save humanity, if we want to save our planet and its natural wonders, its a good move to save our oceans. Thank you very much!

Kind regards

Philipp

Full name: Philipp Pamminger

I was raised by the Sydney Harbour. To the Twitter is our best friend. The ocean provides a venue for sport relaxation and Committee Secretary, the demand for fish, global warming are disturbing the environment in the ocean which affects the planet.

Full name: Marilyn Pemberton

To the Committee Secretary,

The oceans are life. Everything, life itself, depends on them being healthy and sustainable.

They are under threat from climate change, overfishing, plastics, mining, shark nets, and drift nets and the increase in human population.

This is why I want the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: John Joyce

To the Committee Secretary, it is so urgently needed for every living being. Let us all protect our waters with kindness.

Full name: Fer Cuetara

To the Committee Secretary,
I am despairing at our governments careless disregard for our environment on so many fronts. For example, the unrelenting expansion of gas drilling & fracking, permitting many new mines, allowing sea mining and minimal intervention in the destruction of wildlife habitat to name a few.
The Australian Government needs to urgently protect our environment as they said they would and our oceans are a massive and integral part of this.
Please STOP the DESTRUCTION of our Oceans.

Thank you.

Full name: Anne Marinelli

To the Committee Secretary,
WE MUST MAKE SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO CONSERVE WHAT IS LEFT OF NATURE.
HINDSIGHT WILL NOT HELP IN THE FUTURE WHEN WE REALIZE WHAT CATASTROPHIC DECISIONS WERE MADE NOW.

Full name: Heather Patterson

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean needs protecting and conservation, it is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all on the planet. Please take a step forward to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Patricia Bates

To the Committee Secretary,

I plead with you to ensure the Australian government ratified the global ocean treaty, for the sake of all life on this planet.

Scientists have shown us time and again the critical role the oceans play in the health of ecosystems all around the world, ecosystems which support all 8 billion human lives on this planet and innumerable plant and animals lives. 4 in 5 Australians live on the coast, and similar situations exist all around the world. The oceans are one of the primary sources of income and livelihood for billions of people around the globe.

All of this leads us to one definite conclusion:

We need oceans.

So please, minister, take this step. Ratify the global oceans treaty, ensuring that it is strong enough to protect our vital oceans to the necessary level, and do your duty to all life on earth.

Please, do not underestimate the importance of this choice. Do not underestimate the importance of our ocean ecosystems.

I sincerely hope you make the right choice, minister.

Regards, Holly Stoeckl.

Full name: Holly Stoeckl

To the Committee Secretary,

I am most fortunate to live in the beautiful protected Jervis Bay. Since protection that were put in place 15yrs ago much life has returned and many more tourists are visiting.

Groups have developed to address plastic and other pollution on land and sea. It is a proud Plasticwise and environmentally aware community.

Whether you live by the sea or not, the ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

The ocean needs protecting – and we need it done now!

Thank you for taking action for our blue planet,

Full name: Jade Lee

To the Committee Secretary, Because the ocean matters to us, we need to protect it. Healthy, thriving oceans mean healthy, thriving people - in body and mind.

Full name: Margaret Bradstock

To the Committee Secretary,
Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty for the sakes of the oceans, the species

which inhabit them, and all of us dependent on those species.

Full name: Carol Quinn

To the Committee Secretary, Millions of marine animals are killed , probably every day, due to human GREED and STUPIDITY!!! This Treaty must be RATIFIED immediately to help stop plastic pollution, deep sea mining, over fishing and possibly mercury pollution!!!

Full name: David Kent

To the Committee Secretary, THE OCEANS WITH WAVE ACTION CONTRIBUTE MORE TO CLEANSING & OXYGEN REPLENISHMENT WORLDWIDE THAN ALL THE LANDMASS TREES, ALSO W,E DEPEND UPON THE OCEANS FOR VAST AMOUNTS OF FOOD WORLD WIDE.
SO, IF WE CONTINUE TO MASSIVELY POLLUTE OUR OCEANS WE WILL KILL THEM & HUMANITY AS WELL, THIS IS WHY OUR CLIMATE HAS GONE HAYWIRE WORLD WIDE, WAKE UP THE WORLD NEEDS US TO ACT TOGETHER TO SAVE US ALL.

Full name: DENIS LAMONT

To the Committee Secretary, All I can say is wake up world people.

Full name: Kym BATTERY

To the Committee Secretary,

Thankyou for recognising the importance of our Oceans, and many Of it's diverse and endangered marine species.

Our future is dependant upon the survival of our Oceans and marine Life.

Exercising protection over our intricate Oceanic life forms, is critical to the preservation of Underwater Eco systems, and continuation of marine Life existence.

The Global Ocean Treaty endeavours to protect our ocean life, from the perilous likes of seabed raking, deep sea mining, and cruel/ illegal fishing practices

Endorsement of The Global Ocean Treaty, will provide legally binding protection for our oceans, and their vibrant Eco systems.

Please alert fellow political members to the Global Ocean Treaty.
It's endorsemrnt and implementation could mean healthier, safer Seas for everyone.

Sincerely
Corallee.

Full name: Corallee Wipu

For over 30 years I have been a committee member of Bouvard coastcare here in W.A. we are at the 'coalface' in implementing strategies for the protection of our local coastline.

It now falls on our government to protect the oceans that surround our wonderful country. Please be considerate of our children's future .

A clean & thriving ocean benefits us all .

Full name: BARRY POSETTI

To the Committee Secretary, I really want our ocean's to be clean and healthy with an abundance of marine life. I'd like to see sustainable small scale fishing no more super trawlers and plundering of our resources buy foreign interests.

Full name: Suzanne Turner

To the Committee Secretary, put the health of the planet above private profit.

Full name: Joyce Frohn

To the Committee Secretary,
My name is Malveena and I live not far from the Pacific Ocean in northern nsw, and I have the privilege to see for myself the importance to protect international waters. We have all seen how our oceans and fisheries along with all marine environments have been under terrible stress which only seem to get worse each passing year.
That is why The Global Ocean Treaty, which can be used to create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can flourish and thrive, must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030. It can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas. Now, it's open for consultation and the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties is preparing to make a recommendation to the government on if Australia should ratify the Global

Ocean Treaty.

This is our opportunity, as ocean-loving Australians, to make sure the Treaty Committee knows just how much we care about our island home showing real global leadership on ocean protection.

That is why I urge the government to ratify the treaty before the next general elections to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

Our global oceans need all the protection we can give them so that our marine life will thrive.

Yours sincerely,
Malveena martyn

Full name: Malveena Martyn

we need to protect the oceans especially for climate change

Full name: MERRICK EKINS

To the Committee Secretary,
Crunch time! We don't keep getting more chances to save our oceans. You can't say you didn't know.

Full name: Kate Buchanan

To the Committee Secretary, we need to protect our oceans for the health of the planet and all that live on it. Destruction of the health of the oceans means destruction of the whole planet so Australia urgently needs to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Anne Edwards

To the Committee Secretary,
Anything at all that will help preserve the planet I'm in favour of. We humans seem to only be capable of plundering for our own instant benefits.

Full name: Anne Howe

To the Committee Secretary, I want to life a longtime!
Your sincerely Raimond

Full name: Raimond Haar

To the Committee Secretary,

The ocean is fundamental to life on earth. It is our life support system and our lives depend on it.

Despite this, human impact has had a detrimental impact on marine life with

global fish populations collapsing through overfishing.

Tens of millions of whales, dolphins, porpoises, albatrosses, turtles, sharks and other marine creatures are drowned in fishing gear every year. Humans still engage in the barbaric practice of commercial whaling.

Oceans are used for dumping industrial waste, untreated sewerage and plastics.

Marine habitats are being destroyed by coastal development, heavy shipping and mangrove clearing.

We are making a horrifying amount of underwater noise with oil and gas exploration.

Our lack of action to deal with climate change means a raising ocean temperature which is having disastrous consequences for our marine life.

We must protect our ocean now.

I urge you to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty!

Dr Jacqueline Elston
Maritime Archaeologist

Full name: Jacqueline Elston

To the Committee Secretary, In a country surrounded by oceans our top priority should be ocean conservation

Full name: Ruth Saralam

To the Committee Secretary,

Ocean protections affects us all.

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Our future depends upon it.

Thank you.

Full name: Diana Grob

To the Committee Secretary,

It is fundamental that we maintain the viable health and diversity of our ocean floor geology/geography undersea plants and seaweeds, corals and all fauna. We only have one planet and we already see many species moving into different zones due to ocean warming with ecological ramifications for the food chains of ocean species and humans.

Please do whatever we can to preserve our only planet for our children and children with our finite resources.

Thank you!

Full name: Rhiannon Menegon

To the Committee Secretary,

The oceans help support all life on Earth. They keep our planet habitable, regulate our climate and provide a home to many of the planet's most unique flora and fauna.

But every day, the threats to the world's oceans worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on the

vulnerable ecosystems above and below the waves.

I would ask the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to make a recommendation to the government that Australia should prioritise the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty.

The oceans are essential to all life on earth.
We should not pass over this once in a lifetime opportunity to protect them.

Full name: Stephen Lewis

To the Committee Secretary,
I want a Global Ocean Treaty to protect all sea life, all undersea terrain and the health of the sea itself.
Life underwater is valuable because it is Life - and for no other reason. Life is sacred and we ourselves will not survive if we do not respect this truth. Thank you - Claire.

Full name: Claire Elsworth

To the Committee Secretary, we have arrived at a moment in which there is no time to waste. Fragile ecosystems hang in the balance. The health of our planet is growing precarious. Now is the time for action. Maintaining the status quo will only lead us further towards disaster. Please act for the benefit of the planet, now and tomorrow. Thank you.

Full name: Anthony Carew

To the Committee Secretary,

Unchecked human behaviour, greed and profit driven corruption of our political systems, will absolutely and inevitably destroy our oceans and water ways.

Nothing will stop this process.

A Global Ocean Treaty is laughable nonsense, don't you think?

Full name: Geoffrey Bricknell

To the Committee Secretary, please protect the oceans, the balance of marine life and its ecosystem, which all happen to be essential for human existence too.
Thank you

Full name: Celia Baker

To the Committee Secretary, keep the oceans clean.

Full name: Murray Williams

To the Committee Secretary, I am a young person who cares about protecting

our beautiful planet. Thanks for all you do.
Let's work together to protect our global ocean ecosystems. We can protect
wildlife, climate health and global communities with smart ocean protection
policies.
Take care and I appreciate your work!

Full name: Rebecca Canright

The government must make this treaty legally binding because the global oceans
must be protected from all forms of pollution and environmental destruction.
We need this now for our country, planet and people to come.

Full name: Mon Davis

To the Committee Secretary, Greetings! I am a farmer who cares about
protecting our beautiful oceans. We can work together to safeguard our glorious
oceanic ecosystems.
Thank you for your time and consideration!
Have a great day, Mark

Full name: Mark Canright

To the Committee Secretary, the oceans are both powerful and fragile. To keep
taking from the ocean we need to protect it. This treaty takes us in the right

direction to protect our oceans. Please take this vital step.

Full name: Neil McLaren

To the Committee Secretary,
It is urgent that all steps are taken to halt the climate crisis. Our oceans must be protected.

Full name: julianne cummins

To the Committee Secretary,
It is with great importance a global ocean treaty be drawn up. The ecological impact of having oceans in a healthy and protected way WILL ensure a sustainable and favourable outcome for all in the future.
Please realise your actions are on behalf of all humanity.

Full name: Louise WettenhallJames

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean is our last saviour for life on this planet.
A consistent, effective and enforceable Global Ocean Treaty will go a long way to ensuring we have means in place to protect this environment.

Thankyou,

Nathan.

Full name: Nathan Burns

To the Committee Secretary,
The Global Ocean Treaty is essential to the health of the earth.
We have left the environment at the lowest priority for too long.
Please act now to preserve life as we know it on earth.

Full name: Jane Di Sabato

To the Committee Secretary,
We are an island continent, the majority of our population live near the coastal areas. As Australians we love and depend on the ocean in so many ways. It is time to stand up and do the right thing, protect what is important, sign up for the Treaty, for the wildlife, the health of the planet and for your descendants.

Full name: nic vincent

To the Committee Secretary,
We need our oceans to be healthy, their decline is subsequent with ours.
you need to do more good, please.
make the treaty legally binding.

Full name: Jodi White

To the Committee Secretary, I believe in the importance of supporting the Global Ocean Treaty. The marine environment is essential to all life on this planet.

Full name: Bob Lamb

To the Committee Secretary, The Oceans are full of micro plastics that we eat. Also they are acidic and create extinctions.

Full name: William Matheson

To the Committee Secretary, Our oceans, like the rest of the earth, are under extreme stress caused by human exploitation, human pollution and, generally, human greed. Like the increase in the world's population, the degradation of our oceans continues in decline due to the human population inability to comprehend the meaning of STOP. The human condition needs to be controlled and the ratification of the 'Global Ocean Treaty' is a very small step in the survival of our oceans and, ultimately, our planet.

Full name: Steven BAULCH

To the Committee Secretary,
It is Vital that the Global Ocean be protected as soon as possible! We do not want to lose our beautiful sea creatures and their habitat! That would be devastating for SO many reasons!
The Global Ocean Treaty must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the Global Ocean can be protected by 2030!
Thank you in advance
Kerry Andersen

Full name: Kerry Andersen

the Committee Secretary,
Australia has some of the best waterways in the world...we need to live care & nuture them

Full name: Michelle Cerreto

To the Committee Secretary,

Sir,

I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to protect marine biodiversity, ensure sustainable use of ocean resources while promoting conservation efforts. You know that The Global Ocean Treaty is a vitally important, if small step, to help protect the oceans and by extension all life on earth from the known and unknown ravages of climate change, pollution and overfishing to name but three major issues. We should be doing all we can to

ensure that we pass on to future generations healthier, more robust and resilient ocean ecosystems than we see today.

Australia's ratification of the treaty and follow up action will send the most influential message to all other countries in our part of the world.

Respectfully

Gary Shaw.

Full name: Gary Shaw

To the Committee Secretary, I implore you to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty on global ocean conservation in order to provide protection of the oceans, which affects Australia as well the rest of the world. Kay Howard.

Full name: Kay Howard

To the Committee Secretary,
Our oceans are an integral part of our ecosystem. We need to look after the whole web of life that we are a part of. We need to stop dumping rubbish and toxins into waterways and oceans and we urgently need to clean them up!

Let's help life under water thrive and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty before June next year. It will help the earth and us humans too.

With hope and respect,

Julie

Full name: Julie Aares

Our oceans are our life Source for our Country. We need to protect and conserve all life that lives in them and guard against polluting them any further. Australia needs to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Lorraine Sutton

To the Committee Secretary,
If our oceans and it's beings are not better protected from the effects of climate change the ensuing global cascading catastrophes can kill our civilisation. The time to be subtle and tactful has pretty much passed: please give this Global Ocean Treaty your full support.

Full name: jill Dawson

To the Committee Secretary,
the oceans are where life began and where water and oxygen, the main necessities to maintain life, come from. So it is imperative that we look after them as well as we can, so please ratify this Treaty and uphold it,
sincerely,
Phil Slocombe

Full name: Phil Slocombe

To the Committee Secretary, We must protect our Oceans and all life in them and do all we can to make this happen

Full name: Sylvia Smith

the Committee Secretary,
The OCEAN is a large part of the planet. The planet supports us so we need to support it.
So many jobs and tasks are just people supporting people

Full name: Jane THUNDERCLIFFE

To the Committee Secretary, because the ocean is a vital part of our planets survival.

Full name: Wendy Collier

To the Secretary:
The flora & fauna of the oceans, needs out protection, ocean bed mining

destroys the habitats of all that live in the ocean. Over fishing, toxic wastes being poured into the seas, plastics, all this adding to destroy the ocean environment.

Full name: Andrew Mitchell

To the Committee Secretary,
It's so hard to think of any action that is more important to
This generation for protecting the world's oceans. Hence,
I besiege you to please save the environment.
Thank you in advance.
Regards
A very concerned citizen

Full name: Ayman Nashashibi

To the Committee Secretary,
The health of our world depends on the health of our oceans. We must do
everything possible to protect our oceans and environment.

Full name: Mark Boone

To the Committee Secretary, we want healthy oceans for our marine life and our
human life ---no rubbish for our marine life to die from

Full name: GAYLE BULL

The ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

The ocean needs protecting by: ratifying the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025 and championing a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Full name: Jennifer Valentine

To the Committee Secretary, Because climate change is a problem, and you might be to blame, do you want to ruin peoples lives, probably, but at least this will slow the process, sincerely Snottson

Full name: Imema Wancker

To the Committee Secretary, Australian, Government, just do something...the public should not have to spend its time and energy imploring you to do what you should responsibly doing and which you are not....So just do it...sign it and feel that even if you have done nothing positive for the country for the rets of

the day, at least you have accomplished this.

Full name: christopher baker

To the Committee Secretary, it's important to also think about our future

Full name: Lovis Langbein

To the Committee Secretary,

Having sailed in small yatchs slowly around the world 2 times, we have witnessed a steady decline in marine health. A Global Ocean Treaty would go a long way to slowing this, and giving our grandchildren a chance to see the wonders we saw 40 years ago.

Yours hopefully,

Steve and Sue Barrett

Full name: Sue and Steve Barrett

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean is essential for life on earth. It has so much impact on our lives, in so many ways. I feel it is essential to protect and respect it. All of nature

consists of an amazing balance where life can flourish. When this balance is lost, devastation follows. I feel that as humans we have lost respect for other species and different environments, in search off personal gain.

It is at our peril, that we continue in this mindset. If the ocean thrives, we thrive. If the ocean dies, we die. The ocean is tipping dangerously out of balance. Coral reefs are dying.

We have to listen, and we have to be more in tune with our world. We have to have a world, to pass on to the next generation.

Thank you for you attention on this, thank you for helping to save the world.

Full name: Rosemary Rainbow

To the Committee Secretary,

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Full name: Vic Bostock

To the Committee Secretary,

I fully support the Global Ocean Treaty. As individuals, people can only do so much, we need our governments to protect our sea life, our oceans and our planet now. It is nearly already too late to turn around destruction of our climate and oceans by humans. Help us help ourselves so that the next generation have a world worth living in

Full name: Helen O'Brien

To the Committee Secretary,
We must save the oceans and its inhabitants if we want to survive ourselves. It's
our responsibility to do so and it's about time that we live up to our
responsibilities.
Thank you for your time and concern.

Full name: Yvonne Fast

To the Committee Secretary,
The worlds oceans are under threat from pollution, plastic, unsustainable fishing
and climate change. It is imperative that world leaders give the oceans the
protection that is so urgently needed.

Full name: Derek West

To the Committee Secretary, we need to protect this resource for future
generstions

Full name: Erica Johanson

To the Committee Secretary, Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty for my and
your grandchildren. Thank you.

Full name: Nadine Vereecken

To the Committee Secretary,
The planet urgently needs large areas of wilderness, both terrestrial and marine,
to be set aside for the continued protection of fauna and flora. If this is not
done, it will eventually lead to the demise of all species, including humans.

Full name: Chris Neumann

To the it's imperative that you ratify the global Ocean Treaty. The World expects

Full name: David Tillson

To the Committee Secretaryship,
Please ratify now and protect our invaluable and vital oceans - without healthy
oceans we cannot survive!!!

Full name: C S

To the Committee Secretary,
Ratify the Global Ocean Treaty Now which will make it the most significant
global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime !
We need to protect our oceans for marine life and future generations.

Full name: Dorina Garbayo

I'm convinced the oceans cannot be protected without a global treaty to prevent
over exploitation with the use of sophisticated technology and harmful gear and
dumping of toxic waste

Full name: Umar Jamaal

To the Committee Secretary, Our oceans and its life are crucial to ours. please
ratify and make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding.
Ocean protection affects all of us. Its vital we act on this now. Thankyou.

Full name: christine huber

To the Committee Secretary,
Whether you live by the ocean or not a healthy planet is dependent on a healthy ocean.
It is so important to protect as much of the ocean as possible.
The Global Ocean Treaty is one of the most important international conservation treaties ever, it is therefore so important that Australia is one of the 60 countries needed to bring it into law.
So please make the Global Ocesn Treaty legally binding. Thank you.

Full name: Shirley Mills

To the Committee Secretary,
It is highly important that the Australian Government joins Palau, Chile, Belize, Seychelles, Monaco, and Mauritius in ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty. This treaty is a far-reaching, powerful tool to prevent further damage and pollution to possibly humanity's most valuable natural resource. Instead of only one percent of the high seas being protected, this treaty would protect at least 30% by 2030, and would also set up a voluntary fund to help developing nations achieve SDG goal 14, putting power in the hands of the countries most vulnerable in the face of the imminent climate crisis. A treaty like this has the potential to reverse the immense damage we have already dealt to the biodiversity in the seas, and could assure a sustainable future for the coming generations, where we could enjoy the gorgeous marine environment without exhausting and hurting it. I implore you to take Australia's place on the global stage as a leader and trailblazer, and push this incredible policy forward. Thank you very much.

Full name: Evangeline Flynn

the Committee Secretary,

We owe it to humanity to protect our 9ceans for all the marine creatures who depend on it for their survival. If they die we die!

Full name: Irene Polchet

To the Committee Secretary,

In the past Australia's geographical position has protected our country from the effects of pollutants emitted by other countries.

Eliminating emissions in the vicinity of 1/3 of the Earth's oceans will protect against acid rain.

Reducing fertilizers, phosphates, bleach and other harmful chemicals used in industry and households prevents acidification of the Earth's Oceans.

These nutrients are consumed by algae and their populations create extensive plumes which block the Sun's rays from getting through Ocean Waters.

Without the sunlight bringing chlorophyll to ocean plant life these organisms die.

Absent plant life and acidic waters kill most aquatic animals.

Sewerage pumped into oceans creates undrinkable water and as humans we need water to live.

I know I don't need to go further with this appeal, for the sake of all life on Earth please ratify this Treaty as quickly as possible.

Yourself and future generations will be grateful you did.

Kind Regards,
Alison Louise Jones

Full name: Alison Jones

The survival and protection of the ocean is critical to the survival and protection of the Earth itself and all its creatures, including humans. The ocean, like the rest of the Earth, is under serious threat from industries that only see their short term profit margins as superseding the long term survival of the planet. The ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life, all precious and critical to their ecosystems and they fill a niche which is critical to the survival of other species and ecosystems. I have lived near the ocean all my life and swam underwater before I could swim on the surface. I have always been entranced and enthralled by the magnificent beauty of the ocean and creatures of the ocean. I became a Scuba Instructor and shared my love for the ocean with all those who I taught. In teaching Scuba, I also taught them to respect and honor the ocean and all its creatures therein. It is critical that you ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to protect the ocean for all the future generations of all the species on Earth.

Full name: Maria Louise Morandi Long Zwicker

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You and future generations will be glad you did.

Kind regards,

Alison Louise Jones

Full name: Alison Jones

To the Committee Secretary, Our Oceans provide us and all other species we share Earth with a life that no other planet can give us. Our ocean is home to the most amazing species, Whales, Sea Turtles, Dolphins, Sharks and so many more, beautiful coral, plant life, the list goes on and on. We must protect our Oceans; we are Blessed to live on Planet Earth, WE MUST PROTECT HER AND EVERY LIVING THING THAT INHABITS IT.

Full name: Sandra Sherman

To the Committee Secretary,
I would like you to ratify the global ocean treaty, so my grand children can enjoy the ocean and variety of marine life. My wife and I enjoy snorkelling kayaking and exploring the waters and seeing diversity of marine life in the Australian waters.

I have taught my grandson how to snorkel and respect marine life, and he has a passion for this and has asked a lot of questions about what he has heard and seen on documentaries about the over fishing and total disregard for protected species. He was worried that there will be no marine life left for him to see if they don't do something about it.

I said there are a lot of people like you and me who do the right thing and respect our Oceans, and I said the government is there on our behalf to do the right thing by us and they have signed the global Ocean treaty and when they ratify it, then the world would be just like us and protect our Oceans.

Full name: Gary Grogan

To the Committee Secretary,
Our oceans continue to be under critical stress, with climate change, over-fishing, plastic and other pollution, and an ever-growing demand for deep sea mining. Valuable eco-systems are being lost. Climate change is occurring at an exponential rate - we have already passed so many tipping points! The Global Ocean Treaty is our best chance to secure the health of our oceans, but it requires nations to ratify the treaty. Please do something truly positive for our world, before it's too late!

Full name: Susanne Thomas

We need to protect our oceans in every way possible. The ocean is the womb of life and if we keep polluting and overfishing, we're all going to perish.

Full name: Denise Lytle

No healthy oceans=no humans, or anything else.

Full name: Sam Matthews

To the Committee Secretary,

Oceans are responsible for the oxygen we breathe, the food many eat, and so much more. It is imperative for Australia to ratify this treaty as a matter of ethics and responsibility.

Full name: Kate Kenner

To the Committee Secretary,

I believe it is extremely important to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as it is the most significant global ocean protection of our lifetime.

All life on this planet is dependent on a healthy marine environment. This is well discussed and scientifically evidenced in the documentary "The Great Australian Odyssey"

We must heal our planet Earth so that we can survive.

Caring for the incredible, beautiful and abundant ocean world is paramount to this.

Yours sincerely,

Kerin English

Full name: Kerin English

To the Joint Standing Committee Secretary,

Dear Committee,

So many global eco-systems are threatened - so too our oceans from ocean warming, to plastics, chemical and other large scale pollutants, to overfishing. A Global Treaty to save and protect ocean biodiversity and its viability itself is essential.

I urge the government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty ensuring protection, restoration and responsible management of ocean well-being for future generations.

Thank you,

Peter

Full name: Peter Schlesinger

To the Committee Secretary,
Whether you live by the sea, or hundreds of kilometres inland, the ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

The ocean needs protecting – and we need it done now!

Full name: Rachel Walsh

This treaty is the major global ocean conservation effort in our lifetime

Full name: Wanda Brito

To the Committee Secretary,
DO IT

Full name: Daniel Millsom

[REDACTED]

To the Committee Secretary, Without this we have no chance of stopping global warming.

Full name: Marianne Haigh

[REDACTED]

To the Committee Secretary, we have to ratify the global ocean treaty. Thank you

Full name: Tahlie Jane

[REDACTED]

To the Committee Secretary,
The Oceans are swamped with plastics, overfishing, this treaty will turn the tide.
My family demands a strong treaty.
Thanks
Glen Philpott
[REDACTED]

Full name: GLEN PHILPOTT

[REDACTED]

To the Committee Secretary,

The ocean has always been an important part of my life. I enjoy snorkelling and body surfing and just walking along the beach not to mention eating fish.

When I was young the ocean was regarded as so enormous that we could do anything to it and it would make no difference. This is clearly not the case. We have seen catastrophic collapses of fisheries and whale populations, and unbelievable amounts of pollution. We are in danger of turning it into a toxic desert.

For this reason I think it is critically important for the government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. The ocean needs protection now before it is too late.

Please Ratify the Ocean Treaty.

Yours sincerely

Jan Ratcliff

Full name: Jan Ratcliff

To the Committee Secretary, This is really important. The oceans can only take so much punishment.

Full name: Nudge Clements

To the Committee Secretary, The Global Ocean Treaty provides a framework for nations to work together on the essential task of protecting and strengthening the ecological health of Earth's oceans. International cooperation is needed for the necessary changes to be made. I urge the Australian Government to exercise its global responsibility and leadership and demonstrate its commitment to the fair and sustainable enjoyment of our oceans by ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Julia Croatto

To the Committee Secretary,
Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is crucial to the future of our environment.
Please do it

Full name: Paloma Bernabé

To the Committee Secretary,
Thanks for helping to save our oceans. Life started there. We must protect
them so life can continue.

Full name: Sandra Cobb

To the Committee Secretary,

The oc

Full name: Jan Ratcliff

To the Committee Secretary,

Protecting the ocean is one of the most important things we can do. Its health has a direct effect on the health of the rest of the world and so us too. Which of us wants our legacy to be handing down a used up world to the next generations?

Thank you for your time.

Full name: Duncan Gallimore

To the Committee Secretary,

Healthy oceans are vital to sustainable ecosystems all over the world. Without healthy oceans, we will lose more species and threaten global food supplies, as well as losing precious environments such as the Great Barrier Reef. We cannot take healthy oceans for granted, we must work actively to keep them healthy and repair the damage which has already been done.

Full name: David Kilner

To the Committee Secretary,

For the future generations I wish for them to be able to experience the wonders of the oceans of this world and all of the creatures that rely on them for survival.

Full name: Susan Workum

To the Committee Secretary,

we must preserve the life and biodiversity of the oceans for its survival and that of all of us, if the ocean is in danger, so are we and all the other inhabitants of planet earth.

Join the Global Ocean Treaty!

Full name: Silvia Bertano

To the Committee Secretary, There's so much research evidence underlining the impact of pollution, over-fishing, shark-culling on the biodiversity balance. If one is eliminated, problems arise with plagues of unwanted aspects. Fertilisers from rivers cause toxic algae, but the worst is all the nano-plastics that are found in the baby in uterus! How many membranes has it passed through to get there? Everything is needed in a natural balance for our environment, fish, seaweed and other food-stuffs, not to mention all the desalinated water we drink to be healthy! This means marine parks/reserves need to be maintained as a reference for 'normal' as humans lose touch with nature. They are also a sanctuary to maintain viable numbers of threatened species from where we can breed more to repopulate areas that have been raped and checks neglected. It's a rationale focussed on WIIFM because humans have become totally self-absorbed. Hence I've put it that way.

Thanks for all the efforts you've made

Full name: Francess Day

To the Committee Secretary,

As mere custodians of our planet it is vital we do all that we can to ensure we try to maintain healthy thriving oceans . For ourselves, our sea creatures and for our children's future. Please do all that you possibly can to make this a reality

Full name: Nicole Basham

To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to urge you to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty which is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime.

As a person who has spent half my lifetime watching and enjoying the Pacific from the Australian side (Tasmania) and half from the South American side (Peru), where fishing is an important contributor to national income, I am passionate about conserving our oceans and their marine life.

As we see the frightening impacts of climate change on the oceans and the impacts of ocean changes to our climate, their conservation is ever more crucial.

Now is the time to protect the oceans by ratifying the Treaty.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Scurrah

Full name: Martin Scurrah

To the Committee Secretary, this it vital an an urgency for the oceans,this needs to be binding ,this treaty,,we need to take action ,for the planets future,the oceans are a priority,

Full name: Kerry McLeod

To the Committee Secretary,

Please consider protecting our oceans for the health of our planet and all living creatures and humans living on it. We need you to help us protect our environment.

Thank you.

Full name: Sarah Tobin

To the Committee Secretary, I appeal to you from the Netherlands please protect our sea and its animals.

Full name: Jill Burnier

To the Committee Secretary, we all NEED a healthy ocean. The major majority of all our waste ends up in the ocean,destroying sea life and a lot of land life. The ocean dissolves some excess carbon, also reduces major heat caused from the greenhouse effect.

Full name: Luke Renwick

To the Committee Secretary,

the ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

The ocean needs protection now!

Griffey Saunders

Full name: Griffey Saunders

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Helga Saunders

Full name: Helga Saunders

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Gary Saunders

Full name: Gary Saunders

To the Committee Secretary,
Please do take the necessary steps to protect the oceans as much as possible. On the earth we have seen how damaging the environment can destroy the local inhabitants, and just because we do not know them personally does not mean they were not doing useful ecological work.
There are millions of creatures living in the sea, many people are not familiar with most of them, but they are important in the eco cycle of the ocean so protecting them is the most sensible thing to do.
The scientists know that the tiny millions of plankton which inhabit many areas are providing food for even the mighty whales, so from the smallest to the largest there are relationships which are important to the life and well being of the creatures involved.
I hope you are a person who can care about creatures, even the ones which you are not able to have a direct relationship with, because if you are such a person you will do as much as is necessary to protect the oceans, specially the ones around Australia, but not limited to these oceans.
There will be much gratitude coming to you from many different living entities, including humans, if you can do the necessary to protect the oceans.
May you be empowered to be successful in this endeavour.
Thank you for your attention.
Best wishes from me,
Edith Freislich

Full name: Edith Freislich

To the Committee Secretary,
I want to see our oceans restored to their natural beauty that is have protected sanctuaries without threat of being mined or be a place where there is no industrial fishing.

I am fond of our biodiversity and am aware we are losing or having severely reduced pecies rapidly.

Please help protect our oceans before it is too late. We cannot reverse heat, coral bleaching and habitat destruction. I also want for me and future generations be swimming in plastic free zones. Our sea life deserves that too.

Full name: Sandra Sutalo

To the Committee Secretary,

If this isn't ratified now it will be too late !

Full name: Lyn Eberhart

To the Committee Secretary,

Dear Sir, or Ma'am,

As a member in good standing of the creatures of the world, the Human race and the Australian citizenry, I am deeply (sic) involved in the health and well-being of this planet and its component parts. These underpinnings of our lives deserve and, now, require protection. As you know.

An important next step to fulfill this goal is the Global Ocean Treaty.

I encourage you to ratify this treaty.

Faithfully,
Douglas Francis Master, Harbours & Rivers (ret)

Full name: Douglas Francis

To the Committee Secretary,
I really hope that you will ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. The planet is in crisis and if biodiversity and ecosystems are not protected and allowed to thrive then everybody and every living thing will be doomed, apart from maybe cockroaches and a few super rich and powerful people.
One only has to look at all the environmental disasters that are occurring all around the world, including in Australia.
What legacy do you want to leave your children and grand children and even great grandchildren?
Ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Mark Solity

To the Committee Secretary,
I would like the Australian Government to make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding.
Our oceans need to be protected. We need to stop dumping our waste in the oceans and protect the creatures that live in our oceans. Protecting our environment will help the nations that live in low lying areas to survive.
Australia can do this and set things in motion for the whole world to join in this vital campaign.

Full name: Edna Hime

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean needs protecting. Without the ocean we cannot survive.
We are already causing massive collapse of the food chain, and affecting the entire planets ocean systems.

Please act now

Full name: Chloe King

To the Committee Secretary,

I don't like coming on too strong, but in this case : Let's not mess with the ocean and oceanlife!

There is so much more than just fish and seaweed that depend on the ocean. A whole chain of ecosystems need the ocean. We can live thanks to the oxygen provided by oceanlife. In times of climate change we need the ocean as climate regulator more than ever.

Let's face it, the eye also wants something : the beautiful and colourful corals and fish. We need to protect their future too.

Please consider the ocean's importance for us all and do the right thing in protecting it.

Yours sincerely,

Heidi Siebens

Full name: Heidi Siebens

To the Committee Secretary,

It is imperative that Australia takes the opportunity now to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Clean, healthy oceans and ocean species and ecosystems directly affect the wellbeing and survival of all species on Earth, humans included.

Ratifying this treaty is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime. It is also an important legacy to leave to future generations. I

personally have seen Seas in Europe devoid of fish and life, it is a chilling and desolate place and particularly sobering to realise that our species, humans, are directly responsible for this through overfishing, pollution, agricultural run off, mass tourism and climate change. Shame on the species who will be the cause of the death and extinction of our primary life forces.

I implore you to ratify this essential Treaty now before it is too late.

Sincerely,

Natalie Penn

Full name: Natalie Penn

To the Committee Secretary, please protect our oceans as it is urgent

Full name: Margaret Panico

To the Committee Secretary,

Protection of the ocean is from world importance and for coming generations.

With kind regards,

Anne Verzijl

Full name: Anne Verzijl

To the Committee Secretary, Please help in every way

Full name: Alec Robinson

To the Committee Secretary,

The Global Ocean Treaty is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime. But it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure that 30% of the world's oceans are protected by 2030.

Australia needs to take a leadership role here. It so so important to protect the world's oceans and this is the start for the creation of vast ocean sanctuaries where wildlife and fish can recover.

Please ratify the treaty as a priority.

Full name: Julie Parker

To the Committee Secretary, I just want to say that Oceans are still alive, but they need us to stop polluting and killing all its resources for us to eat.

Take a stand

The time is now

Full name: Alexandra Teixeira

To the Committee Secretary, please make the Global Ocean treaty legally binding. We URGENTLy need to protect oue oceans and this is a vital issue in our warming planet.

Please make the protection of oceans a priority.
With deepest thanks
jonny Wellls

Full name: jonny wells

To the Committee Secretary, Every single living thing in our oceans need "Global Ocean Treaty" humanity has already trashed too much and an often-used excuse is that others are doing not us and this needs to stop and an agreement will certainly help.

Full name: Brian Barnes

To the Committee Secretary, In the past 2 years I have been so incredibly lucky to swim with whalesharks, encounter seals, dolphins and humpback whales. I have swam amongst huge schools of fish, encountered turtles, sharks and octopus. I want my children and my children's children to be able to experience this too. Our oceans need protection from overfishing, pollution, mining, habit destruction and global warming.

Full name: Rick Heath

To the Committee Secretary,
A Global Ocean Treaty is vital to the welfare of us all. We receive nourishment and fulfilment from our oceans which are a vital part of the globe as a whole. Imagine a life without our marvellous ocean life and its content and what a huge role it plays in our global well being and society as a whole.

Act now, please, we don't have time for further delay or obfuscation by you.

Full name: Beverley Taperell

To the Committee Secretary,

We understand very little about the fauna which exists in the water and in the ocean floor and the role played in keeping the ocean alive and healthy. Most of us know very little about the importance of the various fishes and corals in the scheme of things.

Even before we know it much of it is being destroyed (e.g. Giant Kelp forests in Tasmanian waters.) The ocean is very important as it helps keep us refreshed and relaxed in our leisure time thus supporting strong mental health throughout our lives.

From the biggest to the smallest ocean creatures, they all have a vital role in keeping the fish breeding habitats healthy and able to provide food for millions.

Yours faithfully
Heather Heggie

Full name: Heather Heggie

To the Committee Secretary,

the Global Ocean Treaty is the most significant ocean conservation effort of our lifetime; it is absolutely vital, in order to ensure healthy and thriving oceans for us and for the future generations. I urge the government of Australia to ratify this treaty before the deadline of June 2025, to ensure that 30% of the oceans can be protected by 2030.

Full name: Lorenzo Ramero

I live 500 metres from the southern ocean in Western Australia at Peaceful Bay. A pristine coastline complete with whale migration.

These waters along with others must be protected. As humans we have done enough damage since the industrial revolution.

Full name: Greg Hale

To the Committee Secretary, Rather than treasuring the ocean and the resources and services it provides, we have been treating it as a dumping ground and all-you-can-eat buffet. This cannot continue. The ocean is in decline and if we do not urgently address the causes – which all stem directly from human actions – the consequences will be severe.

Marine life does not recognize boundaries. promoting synergies between relevant international bodies – such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the new High Seas Treaty – is essential to securing 30% protection of all seas by 2030, both within and beyond national waters.

Sincerely,
Stuart Williams

Full name: Stuart Williams

To the Committee Secretary, please make the right move and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. It is important to protect the Blue of the Blue planet. The oceans are crucial for our survival. The better shape the oceans are in, better our children will live.

Thank you
Eva Jeler

Full name: Eva Jeler

To the Committee Secretary, Two hundred years ago our seas were beautiful and unspoiled. We have polluted them and very heavily fished some species to being near endangered. Enforcing strict environmental laws will cause losses to our fish take but it will allow them to recover and it will provide a huge boost to tourism after our seas regain their natural beauty. This is very important. Please listen

Full name: Christopher Kearton

To the Committee Secretary,

Please act to save the ocean and our earth.

Full name: shirley swan

To the Committee Secretary,

Ocean protection is absolutely essential for planet health and human survival and well-being, considering how many climatic and biological processes are anchored in ocean dynamics.

Global and international efforts to protect the oceans must be maximised to achieve a successful outcome. I urge you to ratify the Global Ocean treaty as a critical step in the direction of preserving our planet for our kids and future generations.

Thank you!

Ekaterina

Full name: Ekaterina Ovsyanikova

To the Committee Secretary,

I am a keen scuba diver, snorkeler and sea-kayaker.

Oceans are not only my second home where I feel I am part of but healthy global oceans are of course also absolutely fundamental for sustaining life on earth.

Therefore it is very important to me that my government protects international waters by ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty – the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime!

Thank you for the opportunity to express my view.

With Kind Regards and in hope,
Mick Fischer-Brunkow

Full name: Mick Fischer-Brunkow

To the Committee Secretary,
As a species we have been using rivers and the sea as a rubbish dump, polluting the oceans as a result. This Global Ocean Treaty is a major step forward in protecting our international "commons" at sea. Illegal fishing, dangerous ocean floor mining, continuous dumping of toxic wastes and rubbish into the sea must stop, and this Treaty is the first step in helping to save our oceans and protect its incredible biodiversity.
We STRONGLY urge you to ratify this outstanding Treaty.

Full name: Jonathan Peter

To the Committee Whether you live by the sea, or hundreds of kilometres inland, the ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

Full name: David Crabb

To the Committee Secretary,
There is no time left to prevaricate about our oceans.
We must ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.
A healthy Ocean is essential to a healthy planet.

Full name: Beth Charleston

To the Committee Secretary,
I have lived by the sea all my life. In Sydney's eastern suburbs and now on the
Midnorth coast.
I have dived and snorkelled all over the world and treasure these in credible
experiences in pristine environments .
So I care deeply about the ocean.
The Global Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas. Please
ratify the treaty by by June 2025 ensure 30%of the global ocean is protected by
2030.
We can destroy what impacts on our health and life.

Full name: Glenda Odgers

To the Committee Secretary, it is vital for our children and the survival of the
planet to take this action now

Full name: Gary Gregg

To the Committee Secretary,
Please ratify the treaty.
We need to protect the ocean. We can't just keep taking and taking, the resources in it are not infinite.
The ocean and its wildlife need a chance to recover from iver fishing.
We must stop dumping pollution, oil, etc in the ocean, it's not a dumping ground. Plastics have been fiund in humans as plastics have been ingested by the animals we eat and are in the food chain. For some animals all there is is plastic to eat as all their usial food has fues because of human interference.

Full name: Louise Jean Priest

To the Committee Secretary,
Please act now for a better future for our oceans !

Full name: LAURENCE FEIERAZEN

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean especially the great barrier reef needs to be protected from companies like Adani who polute and destroy without regard and Queensland politicians who only care about money and kickbacks. Also from oil drilling offshore that is rife with killing marine life through exploration and operational pollution.

Full name: Heath McGregor

To the Committee Secretary,

It's very important to have the right protections for our oceans. International waters are particularly important because they make up 2/3 of the oceans worldwide, but only 1% are currently protected.

Having signed the treaty, Australia must ratify it by June next year at the latest to bring it into domestic law and follow up on its commitments.

I'm particularly concerned about the joint impacts of climate change and sea life decline, please ensure you act in order to avoid compound effects resulting from the combination of these two problems.

Kind regards

Laurence

Full name: Laurence Burrows

To the Committee Secretary, Good Morning. I write to you hoping that you are being persuaded (or maybe you do not need to be persuaded) to sign up to the Global Ocean Treaty. Let us all be honest about it - we have not been good tenants of the Earth and our extraction of what we have regarded as essential supplies has left the globe deeply scarred and polluted. Unfortunately the profit motive has been rife. The time is now long passed for us to recognise the damage we have done to Earth and for the sake of our children and grandchildren and in my case great grand children, we need to take major steps and quickly to limit the damage. I look forward to hearing that you have signed up to the Global Ocean Treaty.
Yours sincerely, John Betts

Full name: John Betts

To the Committee Secretary, The health of our oceans GREATLY determines the health of us.

Full name: Robert Chinchella

To the Committee Secretary, thank you for listening to the people's requests. We can no longer deny the climate crisis or delay significant actions. Our oceans purify our air much more than our forests, yet they are aggressively devastated. We must ensure that at least 30% of the world's oceans are protected to have a fighting chance in keeping the planet within the 1.5° C increase in temperature. Australia, with its immense coastline, needs to do its part in enacting this change.

We are counting on our elected politicians to do what is in our best interest! This is our only home.

Thank you

Full name: Jackie Erat Sleiter

To the Committee Secretary,

Scientists say that to fight the climate crisis, we need to preserve at least 30% of the global ocean waters, but we're currently only protecting 8%. Australia, with its vast coastline, has the potential to set a significant precedent in ocean conservation. This could inspire similar actions globally.

Full name: Ticiana de Andrade

To the Committee Secretary,
I want the Australian Government to ratify the Global ocean Treaty as we need to protect our oceans from further pollution because the cleaner the ocean the better the air quality for us humans to breathe.

Full name: John Philpott

To the Committee Secretary,
As we stand on the shoulders of those who've weaved the fabric of the amazing world as we see it today, it is now our turn to carry on that legacy and add our threads to the tapestry of humanity's history. We are on this giant blue ball for but a fraction of its existence yet each generation has an immense power over her future. Our children, their children, our ecosystems are all dependant on a delicately balanced biosystem, one that has been under threat for too many decades. Here and now we have the unique opportunity to help protect, perhaps even rectify, our collective past mistakes in how we've overused and abused our oceans. It is now our time to take a stand and make the positive difference that can define this era as one of global cooperation for the greater good. It is time to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Thank you.

Full name: Damaris Krolikowski

To the Committee Secretary,
We need to protect our oceans now! There has been too much damage done already. Our oceans are just as important - maybe more important than the rain forest. Oceans provide oxigen and are playing a main part in our food production.

Without life in the oceans we will die.

Yours sincerely,
Joan Keijer

Full name: Joan Keijer

To the Committee Secretary,

Please protect our vulnerable marine life and help to heal the Earth.

Thank you,
Davina Somersby
Thursday, 4 July 2024

Full name: Davina Somersby

To the Committee Secretary,

Thank you for allowing Australian people to make submissions.

As do most Australians, I care deeply about the ocean and all the biodiversity that it supports. I also want children in the future (including my own) to be able to enjoy the ocean and the seas, as we do today. For these reasons I'm asking you to please show leadership and do Australia proud and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Without treaties like these, oceans and seas will continue to be degraded - we can't let this happen. They are too special for SO many reasons and home to millions of species, many of which we know very little about!

Sincerely,
Jael Johnson

Full name: Jael Johnson

To the Committee Secretary,

Please protect our vulnerable marine life and help to heal the Earth.

Thank you
Davina Somersby

Full name: Davina Somersby

To the Committee Secretary, we need to protect the oceans, not trash them.

Full name: Hazel Stockman

To the Committee Secretary,

I urge the government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Our oceans are essential for healthy life. They are currently in crisis due to human induced climate change, pollution and over fishing.

We must protect the oceans genuinely and fully now.
Our lives depend on clean, healthy and biodiverse ocean and land biosystems.

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty now.

Sincerely,
Meredith Luke

Full name: Meredith Luke

To the Committee Secretary,

Ratify the Global Ocean Treaty now!

Full name: Julija Merljak

To the Committee Secretary,

This treaty is essential to ensure the safety of our oceans.

Illegal and over fishing is destroying this incredible source. What we see on the shelves is only a portion of the over all kill to obtain the fish off choice. The rest is tossed aside, dead. Save our precious oceans! This along with offshore drilling is affecting the whole of the world's seas and oceans.

The fishing industry needs serious policing, spend more of our taxpayers funds on protecting our oceans and less on military, which only serves to put dollars in the arms makers pockets.

Please respect this incredible earth resource and be the ones who make changes for the future world and the creatures who inhabit it.

Yours in eternal hope
Michelle Laughton

Full name: Michelle Laughton

To the Committee Secretary,
Please ensure this important Global Ocean Treaty is ratified now.
It's one of the most important international conservation agreements in history and the first focused on conserving marine life in international waters, which are suffering from overfishing and declining biodiversity. This Treaty is an essential requirement to make the global ambition of protecting at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 a reality. So much of this marine life - plankton, algae and seaweeds give us new oxygen to breathe and zooplankton which feeds krill and a whole line of species along the food chain to commercial fisheries and Apex predators like Sharks, seals and whales. We need every level protected so these often fragile ecosystems do not face collapse and can resist the pressures of warming oceans and climate change. We depend on our oceans for food, and over-fishing is a scourge that can decimate biodiversity and health in our oceans. They need strong protections and quota limits to retain the healthy biodiverse ecosystems we rely on for our survival. The time is now to legally protect our oceans.
We urgently need a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region, the sea mounts and continental shelf around Tasmania and the Southern bight, as well as Macquarie Island and the whole of Antarctica's sea ice zone and beyond to protect penguins, whales and vulnerable species like the patagonian tooth fish and the Southern Ocean - especially Australian territorial waters and the sub-antarctic islands of Australia and NZ.

Please ratify this Global Ocean Treaty now, before its too late.

Thanks you in anticipation...

Mike,
Tasmania.

Full name: Mike Willson

To the Committee Secretary,

I urge you to protect the ocean!
Ocean protection affects all of us. Healthy, thriving oceans are important to all of us.

Thank you.

Full name: Meryl Pinque

To the Committee Secretary,
It is so important that Governments are serious about protecting our waterways ... we need to lock in agreements with treaties to secure the safe future of our marine animals .. and ourselves. The Ocean is a magnificent and precious resource ... we have not treated with respect and it will not serve us well if we continue to mistreat it. We need healthy oceans, waterways and streams !! it is that simple ... otherwise WE will not survive

Full name: Pamela Maegdefrau

To the Committee Secretary, The world's oceans are under threat from climate change, over-fishing in some areas, deep sea mining projects, plastic and other pollutants. Marine sanctuaries are vital to provide protected areas where the marine environment and marine species can recover. The world needs healthy oceans.

Full name: Pat scowen

To the Committee Secretary,

The global ocean is important to me because the marine environment is critical to the health of this planet. There is still so much to be explored, that we don't even know about yet. That's why I want to see governments protecting international waters.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Please ratify this Treaty for all of our benefit.

Yours sincerely,
Samantha McBride

Full name: Samantha McBride

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as they worlds oceans need protection.

Yours sincerely,

Jaime Reed

Full name: Jaime Reed

To the Committee Secretary,

Oceans provide food for the people of the planet as well as vital oxygen. It also supports many varied and valuable ecosystems from microscopic plankton to the huge blue whales.

It should be protected from exploitation from mining, mineral exploration and extraction, seismic blasting and the devastating effects of gill nets and shark nets.

The original life on this planet, started in the ocean, yet we humans, the most dominant life form on Earth, have exploited and destroyed large areas of the world and that includes oceans.

We must safeguard remaining mangrove habitats, coral reefs etc. and do our utmost to regenerate devastated corals, mangroves and kelp forests wherever possible.

Seismic blasting and mice plastics are the latest threat to the oceans of Earth and again, humans are responsible for both.

Without our oceans humans are at risk, many fishing communities will face starvation, and the reduction in our oxygen supply will kill more people. The destruction of mangroves has already caused erosion and rising sea levels.

Protect our oceans and you protect the planet.

Full name: Susan Cook

To the Committee Secretary,
As a proud Australian, our oceans & waterways play a huge part in all of our lives. Having healthy clean and thriving oceans is a huge investment in the future of all Australians and the wonderful marine life we are lucky to have. Please Ratify the global Ocean treaty.
Thank you, Shane

Full name: shane hunter

To the Committee Secretary,

Please use your common sense.

André

Full name: André de Ronde

To the Committee Secretary, please preserve what is left of our precious planet, we cannot live on just money...

Full name: Francien Valk

To the Committee Secretary,

It should be obvious what the planet needs.

A healthier (I can't say healthy) ocean means a healthier planet for all populations, human, animal and plant life. What else is there to add?

As some humans fail to understand, you won't miss it till it's gone...Go slow learners! We all have to suffer the consequences of your actions!

Kindest regards,
Sonya

Full name: Sonya Fennell

To the Committee Secretary, We need to look after our oceans,so that our oceans will look after us in the coming generations.

Full name: Iris Longtime

To the Committee Secretary,

I am a scuba diver and have been fortunate to see the abundance of life that our oceans hold.

I want to see governments protecting international waters and allow the creation of vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive,

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

I implore you to:

1. Ratify the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.
2. Champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Full name: Helen Purdam

To the Committee Secretary, I hope all is well with you!

I'm writing to share why I would like the Australian Government to make the Global Ocean Treaty, legally binding.

The global ocean is a vitally important ecosystem - an ecosystem in which our watery environments, and their organisms, form through their interactions. The biotic and abiotic components are linked together through nutrient cycles and energy flows. Water being the main component of the Oceans ecosystem, contains various minerals and salts therefore, filtering many aspects of Marine life in an attempt to keep the Oceans clean, fertile and a healthy aquatic home for many species.

Our Oceans, filled with many species, requires protection by laws to be set in place to ensure overfishing of species and pollution of waterways are eliminated.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the the Oceans but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Ultimately, total protection of all Oceans needs to be implemented and we must aim for a greater percentage than 30%, if our World is to continue - let's aim for 100% total protection!

Fondest regards, Maria

Full name: Maria Ferraro

To the Committee Secretary,
Global effort must be made to preserve the oceans and all its life forms as it is part of this wonderful planet. Let's keep it this way for generations to come.

Full name: Marita Schwartz

To the Committee Secretary,
Please think of Future generations.

Full name: Chuck Rooskov

To the Committee Secretary,
the ocean is the biggest Player to protect the Environment and to help against
the climate Chance.

Best regards,
Andreas Matter, Switzerland

Full name: Andreas Matter

To the Committee Secretary,

Ocean protection affects all of us.

They are our greatest resource as well as our most mobile. A healthy thriving
ocean benefits the entire planet and every species living in it.

Full name: Marisa Besteiro

To the Committee Secretary, whether you live by the sea, or hundreds of
kilometers inland, the ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of
our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide
food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent
diversity of marine life.

Full name: Andrea Westervelt

To the Committee Secretary,

I have lived most of my sixty-six years close to the ocean. Not only do I love it for its beauty and power, but I value it deeply for its crucial role in maintaining the balance of our diverse and complex biosphere.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting all of the world's oceans. Please ratify this crucial treaty by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Full name: Michelle Berkon

To the Committee Secretary,

We are deep in in Climate Crisis, the ice at both poles is melting. Ocean surface temperatures are at an all time. We need to reduce carbon as soon as possible. We cannot wait. Please ensure the Australian Government makes the Global Treaty legally binding.

Full name: Murray SAYLE

To the Committee Secretary: Please don't forget that after the oceans have died, humans (your children and grand-children) will die as well.

Full name: Friederike Schulz

To the Committee Secretary, please go ahead and make the Global Ocean Treaty legal. Yours is the only political force that has the capacity to do this so please act now.

Full name: Christopher Wilkie

To the Committee Secretary, I've heard about Australian coal mining and you really have to make sure there's a future for us all, this treaty is the perfect way for you to commit to the healing of our ocean and planet. Please do the right thing.

Full name: Mats Larson

To the Committee Secretary, I'm appalled that money is more important than protecting our marine life and oceans. Already we overfish, nuclear waste is still leaking from the Japanese nuclear reactor, some bloody gas company wants to cause a seismic blast on WA coast deafening our whales and there's an island of plastic floating about. How much more can our oceans and marine life survive our abuse. Stop talking and do something before it's too late, and our beautiful oceans and marine life destroyed.

Full name: Angela Monaghan

To the Committee Secretary,

The Australian Government should ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to join the global communities to address the multiple issues affecting the oceans. The last 2 decades have seen the decline of many fisheries of many oceans, which are contributing to mass extinctions of many aquatic species. The last 50 years have also seen the warming of the oceans, and the progressive acidification of the oceans due to dissolving of atmospheric carbon dioxide in the oceans. The widespread pollution of plastics in the last 4 decades is affecting marine animals affecting their ability to live and reproduce in the oceans. Deep sea mining will add to the degradation of ecosystems and mass extinctions of marine life. Our planet Earth is becoming almost unliveable. The deterioration is accelerating. The Australian government should ratify the Ocean Treaty to commence addressing the multiple issues affecting us all.

Full name: Elizabeth Li

To the Committee Secretary,

The global ocean is very important to me and I want to see governments protecting international waters.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas. The treaty is focused on-serving marine life in international water and is an essential tool to make the global ambition to protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 a reality.

It is a powerful tool, which can be used to create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive.

It will only enter into force once at least 60 governments have brought it into law.

Australia officially signed the Global Ocean Treaty in September last year, a symbolic gesture indicating the government's intent to be a party to the Treaty.

Ratifying the treaty is the next step to make it jug lyes in Australia, and requires

domestic legislation to bring it into law.

This is the opportunity, as an ocean-loving woman, to make sure the Treaty Committee knows just how much I care about your island showing real global leadership on ocean protection.

I fully subscribe the submission which Greenpeace will be writing to Australia and that includes the outlining of further recommendations to the Treaty Committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Chantal Buslot Belgium

Full name: Chantal Buslot

To the Committee Secretary,
To protect the oceans. Stop trashing them.

Full name: Bing Kwong Mak

To the Committee Secretary,
Our world can't be relaxed until things are sorted out! Our oceans must not be dirt thrown into as during who knows how many years! Please step up! No any sort of mining should be allowed at the bottom of the oceans! There are too much exploitation and too much greediness happening! Animals, oceans, nature are Earth wealth! By taking care of it it's the way to say Thank you @ Thank you for all goods or wrongs but thank you for the opportunity and chance! Please step up to protect oceans! Do not let anything further like coal mining or bottom of the seas minings! Approve only human intentions! That's our duty and the way of respect!

Full name: Dusanka Sivcevic

To the Committee Secretary,
Please ratify this important treaty to protect our ocean animals and life and ensure the preservation of reefs.
We do not want corporate interests to overtake common sense in protecting our ocean life and ecosystems, which are very important to Australia.
Thank you.

Full name: John Chacksfield

To the Committee Secretary,
The oceans of the world truly connect the majority of the planet's human populations with major cities having ocean harbours. Consequently, whatever pollutants appear locally in these oceans can be dispersed throughout the waters by currents and wind.
India, the highest population of any country is desalinating along its vast coastline to provide drinking water because its groundwater has run out in places like Bangalore.
Western Australia has relied on desalination of ocean water for decades in Perth. Increased populations, as is currently trending, will demand more fresh water: more food and seafood; recreational fishers; and beach users.
By protecting our significant oceans and coastlines Australia plays its role of responsibility to its own growing population and the Earth's. A future without such action will mean more contaminants and fish and micro-organisms deaths in the millions thus impacting food sources world wide, including us!

Full name: Julia Mateljan

To the Committee Secretary, Oceans are a vital part of the planets ecology. Without a commitment to a sustainable ocean plan, the planet and life as we know it will cease to be. It really is that simple. Do the right thing for our children.....Please.

Full name: Dereck Ward

To the Committee Secretary,

The seas and oceans of Earth are considered to be a 'Global commons', which means that they belong to everyone and no one at the same time. Australia is the sixth largest country in the world by total area. Our island continent is bordered by the South Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Southern Ocean (also known as the Antarctic Ocean, comprises the southernmost waters of the world ocean, generally taken to be south of 60° S latitude and encircling Antarctica.)

The Global Ocean Treaty aims to establish a legal mechanism for marine conservation in international waters, as well as afford other protections to shared marine resources and the marine environment. The new agreement regulates the future use (including benefit sharing) of marine genetic resources of the high seas, allows for the designation of protected areas in international waters, introduces mandatory environmental impact assessments for all activities with significant impacts on the marine environment of our planet. Though they're invisible to the naked eye, Earth's oceans and seas produce more oxygen than the largest trees on land. Scientists estimate that roughly half of the oxygen production on Earth comes from the ocean. The majority of this production is from oceanic plankton — drifting plants, algae, and some bacteria that can photosynthesize.

There are five reasons why we should care about our oceans and waters –

- The ocean regulates our climate and provides the air we breathe. ...
- The ocean feeds us. ...
- It provides jobs and livelihoods. ...
- The ocean is a tool for economic development. ...
- We need a healthy ocean to survive.

In March 2023, history was made when the UN finally agreed on a new Global Ocean Treaty. This Treaty is a powerful tool that can help protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030. Time is running out, and reaching this target will require a strong and urgent political response to maintain order, productivity and peaceful relations on the sea.

The high seas biodiversity treaty opened for signature on 20 September 2023. Australia signed the treaty on day one, following years of involvement in

negotiations. Australia has not yet ratified the treaty as of 26 June 2024.

Why are we not protecting our world against the loss of marine wildlife and plantlife? Why does Australia not want environmental impact assessments completed and complied to before any new exploitation of marine resources in areas beyond our national jurisdictions?

The time is NOW! EVERY NATION ON THIS PLANET NEEDS TO WORK TOGETHER IF WE WANT TO SAVE OUR HOMES, OUR WORLD! THERE IS ONLY ONE WORLD WE KNOW AND LIVE ON THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW AS YESTERDAY IS IN THE PAST AND TOMORROW WILL BE ONE DAY TOO LATE.

Full name: Cheryl Noud

To the Committee Secretary,
the only way to protect our oceans now and in the future is to make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding. It is essential that it is done now before any more damage is done to the environment.

Full name: Abigail Day

To the Committee Secretary,
Marine biodiversity is being continuously degraded and diminished as a result of human activity. Every step must be made to safeguard the health of our oceans as the developing world places more and more pressure on the Earth's ecosystems. One such critical step being the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty. A change in mentality from commodifying the natural foundations of our livelihood to protecting their existence, must be demonstrated at every available opportunity.
Sincerely,
T. Quick

Full name: Toby Quick

To the Committee Secretary,

Healthy oceans = healthy planet. We have managed to irretrievably damage the rest of the planet, we must protect the oceans.

Full name: Ethlyn Trapp

To the Committee Secretary,

Please help to protect our amazing oceans, for our future.
Protect our species.

Full name: Julie Livingstone

To the Committee Secretary, The no research just approve drag netting, oil drilling, is greed, not a government for justice and the preservation of one land, the land we live and breathe on, this is the reason why we have a government in the first place, to protect our land and sea, for all the future, not to change for the bottom dollar of your budget.

Full name: christine freitag

To the Committee Secretary,

It is our duty as guardians and carers of this planet to preserve and conserve animals and habitats that we are now finding interreact in the balance and life of all who live here. All on this earth have a right to life. The Global Ocean Treaty is one of the most important international conservation agreements in history and the first focused on conserving marine life in international waters. The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030. I also champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region. This can bring nothing but improvement to this world love. It will benefit flourishing tourism activities and allow fish and habitat to regenerate and leave a thriving ocean for generations to come. Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty and look to a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand.

Thank you.

JANICE

Full name: Janice Fleming

To the Committee Secretary,

We're not the only ones on this planet. We need to be mindful, of all living species. Please be kind to the ocean

Full name: Maria Marton

To the Committee Secretary,

Save the species & oceans

Full name: Mary DF

because without our oceans being saved,
we, as a species, are doomed.

no WISE culture would ever HARM the environment.

it's time we stopped doing just that.

Full name: sandra finley

To the Committee Secretary, It is about time we thought about the oceans
because up until now we have exploited them and used them as a rubbish
dump, it is time for some global intervention

Full name: Gavin Campbell

To the Committee Secretary,

The health of the oceans effects every single person on the planet. The currents
deep and superficial regulate our planets temperatures (and by extension the
weather). The marine animal and plant life sustains us in ways too numerous to

count. Planetary species are being wiped out at a truly alarming rate and the climate is changing to a far less benevolent environment.

Humans have never been so numerous and demanding of the planet's resources. If we don't get this right at this critical time we are sentencing future generations to a miserable life.

We need strict guidelines and enforcement to be put into practice now. The time for "sitting on our hands" is long gone.

I have seen, first hand, the environmental changes over the last 50 years and it is disheartening to think this has been allowed to continue at the long term expense to humanity.

I ask that Australia will ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to make a meaningful significant conservation effort for now and the future. The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure a minimum 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Please see reason that has a broader vision than the next election. Be known for creating an impactful positive legacy.

The planet needs real leaders in this critical decade and Australia has a proud history of innovative thinking that has bettered the world. Let's be the leaders for positive action that sees the bigger picture.

Thank you for your time. I hope you will consider this well.

Kind regards,
Liana Piccoli

Full name: Liana Piccoli

To the Committee Secretary,

The ocean, a vast and profound entity, is the lifeblood of our planet. Covering over 70% of the Earth's surface, it is a critical component of the global ecosystem, regulating climate and providing sustenance to countless species. The protection of the global ocean is not just an environmental issue; it is a matter of survival for all life on Earth. Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty would be a significant step for the Australian Government, demonstrating a commitment to sustainable marine practices and international cooperation. The urgency of this action cannot be overstated, as the health of our oceans is

inextricably linked to the health of our planet. It is a shared responsibility, transcending borders and generations, to safeguard this precious resource for the present and the future. The ratification of the treaty would serve as a beacon of hope, signaling to the world that we stand united in our resolve to protect the global ocean, a treasure that truly belongs to us all.

Full name: Leslie Hazeldine

This is to make the Ocean Treaty legally binding and protect the ocean from over-exploitation.
The ocean needs to be as healthy as possible to help with global climate action including absorbing carbon emissions and providing healthy food such as fish and seaweed for humans.

Full name: Barbara J Fraser PhD

To the Committee Secretary,

Because protecting our oceans protects us all. They are the largest carbon sinks on the planet, they are a critical source of the air we breathe, and they are vital to climate & therefore planetary help. We can't not do everything to protect and restore our oceans.

Oceans are also an iconic part of Australia and being Australian. Swimming, surfing, seafood summertimes at the beach - oceans matter. I hope you'll ratify the Global Ocean Treaty and do everything to protect our oceans.

Thank you.

Full name: Ann Rogers

To the Committee Secretary,
The marine environment is already suffering from the affects of excessive harvesting, both by the commercial and the recreational sectors.
This treaty is our opportunity to protect what remains for the benefit of future generations.

Full name: John Gintowt

To the Committee Secretary,
Will you, please, ratify the Global Ocean Treaty – the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime?
Ocean protection affects all of us. We need healthy, thriving oceans, as they are important
to us all. I want my grandchildren to grow up loving the oceans as much as I do.
Regards
Len Page

Full name: Len Page

To the Committee Secretary,
A huge area of the world's oceans is outside the territorial waters of any country and with very limited, if any, protection from the impacts of overfishing by factory ships, waste dumping, seismic blasting, drilling and ocean bottom mining. A Global Ocean Treaty is a major step in the right direction to protect and preserve our oceans and the environmental services they provide as a source of food and a key agent in regulating our global climate. Without the Gulf Stream to modify it's climate Britain would have a climate like Norway.
I implore the Australian government to ratify the treaty as our oceans must be

protected for the health of the planet and all the species living on it, including homo sapiens despite our efforts to degrade and damage so many ecosystems.
Brynn Mathews

Full name: Brynn Mathews

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all. I and most thinking people care about the global ocean being protected, and we believe it's important for the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty without delay.

International waters covers two thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected.

To reach 30x30 world leaders must protect more than 11 million KM2 of ocean every year.

Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters.

Many marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters and they need to be protected.

We request that you -

1. Prioritise ratification of the Treaty before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

2. Establish a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

We need positive action NOW.

Full name: Grahame King

To the Committee Secretary, To protect our ocean life from pollution, overfishing
& mining

Full name: Sundra John

To the Committee Secretary;There's no back up ocean in storage, we're going to
have to make this one work out for us... if I could put it simpler I would.

Full name: John Dunn

To the Committee Secretary, protect our oceans ,every creature that lives in
them & the joy & peace they bring to us we destructive humans

Full name: lynette mcelligott

To the Committee Secretary, protect a world you cannot see. You do not know
what is being lost when ocean ecosystems are destroyed. Healthy ecosystems
are always important for human and planet health.

Full name: Jessica Sparks

To the Committee Secretary,

1. Ratify the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

2. Champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Full name: Lawrence Murphy

To the Committee Secretary,

Save our globe and oceans, they are not just important but 100 % necessary!!!

J. W. ten Cate.

Full name: Jan Willem ten Cate

To the Committee Secretary,

Please protect our oceans and diversity of sea life. There are so many pressures being put on the marine environment. We need global consensus to moderate the effects of activities such as over fishing, plastics and other pollutants, sea bed mining and military actions.

Full name: Lorraine Jones

To the Committee Secretary,

Every sentient creature relies on the health of the seas to survive. Need there be any better reason to protect them?

Full name: Rebekah Wood

To the Committee Secretary,
We need to ratify the Global Ocean treaty now. It is the only place left to save our poor planet that has been destroyed by greed.
Please use your power to ratify the treaty.
Thank you
Terry Holdom

Full name: terry Holdom

To the Committee Secretary, the ocean is important to all life on the planet and if we don't protect it who will?

Full name: Steve McIntyre

To the Committee Secretary,

A clean and vibrant ocean is necessary for all animals and beings to thrive. It preserves the diversity of our ecosystem.

Full name: William Huang

To the Committee Secretary,

Our planets climate, tuned to our existence, is determined by its oceans. Please protect them.

Full name: Rodney Worthington

To the Committee Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission

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Many marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters.

I respectfully request the Australian Government to:

1. Prioritise ratification of the Treaty before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.
2. Champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Full name: keith liyanagama

To the Committee Secretary,

The opportunity to protect huge amounts of the natural world through international action has now been presented to us. The oceans and ocean ecosystems are critical to our survival, as a planet, as a species, as a country, and to all our communities. Our economy depends on protecting the oceans, which provide us with food, when managed appropriately, and with tourism, again, while they are healthy. It's not just ourselves we have to look after though. Australia is huge, and though we are surrounded by water, we could support ourselves off our interior if we had to. Other countries don't have that choice. Island nations across the world depend on healthy oceans to support their entire population. Those countries include our Pacific neighbours, who depend on our global influence. Enacting this treaty will not only help ourselves, but others too. Protecting such a large amount of the ocean has always been a goal for me. Ever since early primary school, I have wanted to protect marine life. I hope that this treaty will do that for us. There is no time to waste if we want to preserve the biodiversity of our oceans. Humans, as a terrestrial species, for most of our time on this world, have only ever been able to affect the fate of less than half our world. Now, in a few hundred years, we have gained power over all of it. We must use that power to protect rather than to harm. The oceans still hold many secrets, some of which could be beneficial to us. We may, through further research into the marine world, find cures for many diseases, extend our lifespans, and enhance our technological capabilities. We must ratify this treaty if we want any of these to happen. We have so much to learn. We have so much to lose. We have so much to gain.

Australia has already signed the treaty. Australia has made commitments to protect the oceans. We, you especially, are responsible for upholding those commitments. Please, on behalf of the Australians you represent and serve, ratify the treaty that we have signed. We owe the world that much at least.

Full name: William Barclay

To the Committee Secretary,

Support your planet, you expect it to support you - ValK

Full name: Val Kos

To the Committee Secretary, It's my opinion that our oceans keep the whole earth clean- if we take care of our oceans and all the creatures that live in them the whole world will be a better place. Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty!!

Full name: Kelsey Fickling

To the To protect our beautiful planet .Committee Secretary,

Full name: David Jones

To the Committee Secretary,
I am sure that the global ocean treaty will be the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime. Please take this huge once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help our troubled oceans in this critical area.
Thank you very much!

The time is now to protect the ocean!

Full name: Ina Reichelt

To the Committee Secretary, it's obvious that without a global ocean treaty the eco systems of our oceans will drastically decline. Birthing and migratory routes need full protection. The ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all. We expect our government to care about that. International waters covers two thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected. Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters. When visiting overseas you can see how most have overfished and lost their sea creatures & surrounding wildlife. They consequently rely on sources overseas that still have supply or they eat chemically induced farmed forms that further degrade the eco systems & our health.

Many marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters. The oceans need reprieve in order to recover before it's too late. Go find your gas in the desert where the impact is less. Create alternatives for fisher persons during ocean recovery.

Full name: k smith

To the Committee Secretary, I am hopeful that the process of Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty will include the absolute and essential focus on the

uncontrolled expansion of the human race which is blatantly obvious the major cause of all the global problems facing us today.

Regards Janesse.

Full name: Janesse Underwood

To the Committee Secretary,
the oceans need protecting- do you understand that life on earth is sustained partially by water and our oceans? if the entropy (disorder) in our oceans rise, entropy will increase and affect the rest of the chain, meaning more heat, colder winters, and less stable weather.

A system with entropy is like a pile of dirty dishes on a sink, it wont get fixed by itself and doesn't plan to, its not efficient nor self sustaining.
Do you want this for our oceans? I don't at least.

Thank you for your time.

Full name: Dalys Barrera

To the Committee Secretary, Ocean protection affects all of us. More animals live in the oceans than on land. But its not just the inhabitants of the oceans that need a Global Ocean Treaty.

A treaty equally benefits humans. We love the oceans for their beauty and also the benefits they bring us in terms of a healthy way of life. We use the oceans for sport . recreation travel , a food source and numerous reasons.

yours sincerely helen duhring

Full name: helen duhring

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Full name: helen duhring

To the Committee Secretary, it must be ratified to keep the bastards honest! Even legally binding means nothing to the Govt.

Full name: Hayley Savage

We are fast approaching the point of not return, Australia has been warned it must do more to protect it's oceans and reefs and this will indicate a commitment that considers the long term importance of our oceans and reefs for future generations to marvel and enjoy.

Full name: Ronan Clinton

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to provide half the world's oxygen needed for its survival. Thank you.

Jacqueline MacDonald

Full name: Jacqueline MacDonald

To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

We need to protect our oceans from oil spillages, to ensure no more chemical run off enters them and no more garbage or sewerage enters our oceans.

The human race needs to act as guardians of our planet not destroy our environments by dumping our waste into the oceans.

Fishing needs to be sustainable so that our necessary fish stocks are not depleted.

We need to protect our magnificent oceans from wanton destruction and pollution

Full name: Ruth O'Reilly

To the Committee Secretary,

I want to ratify the global ocean treaty so we can protect a key part of our planet. Islands in the Pacific won't be completely submerged, irreplaceable habitats won't be ravaged by deep sea mining, the sea will still be able to harbour the fish we eat.

Full name: Maya Bagshaw

To the Committee Secretary,

It's critical to the future of our world and all living things on it that we act to limit global heating and protect biodiversity. By ratifying this treaty we go a long way to help protect biodiversity in our oceans.

I hope you can be a leader on the world stage and set ambitious goals. The payback to future generations will be immensely beneficial, the damages if you fail will be immensely tragic.

Yours Sincerely

Ross Martin

Full name: Ross Martin

To the Committee Secretary,

A healthy Global Ocean is the livelihood and future health of all humankind and all life on earth.

Unfortunately the current climate of over commercial trawler fishing, seismic gas exploration and marine pollution; are all contributing factors to the demise of the health of our oceans and our livelihood.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be

protected by 2030.

Please have the integrity to do the right thing and support Global Ocean Treaty for the protection of life on earth.

kindest regards
Phyllis

Full name: Phyllis Di Palma

To the Committee Secretary,
I am writing to urge the Australian government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty without delay. International waters cover two-thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected. To achieve the 30x30 goal, world leaders must protect more than 11 million square kilometres of ocean every year. Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution, and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters. Many marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters, making it imperative to safeguard these regions.

Ratifying the Treaty before the next federal election is crucial to ensuring it is completed by June 2025. Additionally, Australia should champion the establishment of a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Australia has the chance to lead the way in global ocean conservation and ensure the health and sustainability of our precious marine environments for future generations. Step up and do what's right.

Full name: Anthony Rosenberg

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the global ocean treaty. I care about the future of our oceans and the survival of our biosphere.

Melissa

Full name: Melissa Milgate

The planet is at the tipping point. This can't wait. Over 90 % of our fish gone. This is for everyone as well as the ocean.

Full name: Jo Squire

To the Committee Secretary, we must make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding to ensure the protection of the world's oceans by holding all nations accountable for their actions, preventing exploitation and environmental damage, and fostering international cooperation for the long-term health of marine ecosystems.

Full name: Georgie Toner

Don't use the ocean to drill for oil or electricity. The ocean must stay as is and be interfered with.

To the Committee Secretary,

Full name: SIEBE Staal

To the Committee Secretary,
I have travelled reasonable extensively through the Pacific Ocean over the last 34 years, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Tonga, Rarotonga, Samoa, the Great Barrier reef of Australia and America Samoa and in this time I have observed the slow but steady decline in the health of the Pacific Ocean, the decline shows itself in many ways, erosion of shorelines and beaches, coral bleaching (particularly bad in the Whitsundays) and dwindling numbers of fish, things like this horrify me and upset me greatly, it would be a big step in the right direction if you were to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.
Kind regards

David Sier

Full name: David Sier

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the global ocean treaty, because mankind needs a healthy ocean to survive.

Full name: Boris Huesch

To the Committee Secretary, The global ocean is the source of all life on earth. It is also a source of food, travel, relaxation and sport. I recommend that Australia joins the upcoming Global Ocean Treaty as a signatory.

Full name: Ray Barber

To the Committee Secretary,
Would you please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as soon as possible.
There should be no need to elaborate on the reasons as to why this is so important to countries, marine animals and their environment and also to we, the ordinary people who enjoy, need and love our oceans.
Unfortunately our oceans are not being respected and treated appropriately. They are being abused and misused.
Therefore, it is up to those in authority who we entrust to take proper care of the environment to step up to the job and sign up to this Treaty.
Thank you.
Kathrine Walsh.

Full name: Kathrine Walsh

To the Committee Secretary, our oceans contain a diversity of sea and plant life and support millions of ecosystems. They are responsible for maintaining the delicate balance of life also through under water currents that exist all around the world which animals and plants use to migrate for hunting and breeding purposes. Every damaging act such as deep sea trawler fishing or deep sea mining is bringing the earth closer to complete collapse which will be the end for humanity. We must find innovative and alternative ways to work with our ocean systems and conserve and rebuild what is left if we are to survive.

Full name: Emma Moss

To the Committee Secretary, our foreshores are getting devoured by the ocean and the quality of ocean water in Jervis Bay is deplorable. There is no fish, Pelicans are being fed fish by the seabird rescue girls.

Full name: Barbara Werner

To the Committee Secretary,
We have one planet one ocean there is no second one. Be smart and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty!!!!!!

Full name: Lilian Linders-Bosman

To the Committee Secretary,
Having recently experienced the Antarctic archipelago I am well aware of the vital importance of these extraordinary environments most of us never see. They are an integral part of global life and must be protected from exploitation. Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is one major step in the right direction. Please, on behalf of all of us endorse this action.

Full name: David Laughton

To the Committee Secretary, humans per se shamefully seem to have little regard for our beautiful oceans. We are currently embarking on a massive trashing campaign. Between mindlessly using plastics in our everyday life (plastics that end up in the ocean) and global warming, our oceans already will never be the same again.

Please act now, in whatever capacity available to you, to slow down the demise of clean waters providing a safe environment for the survival of thousands of species.

We need the ocean and the ocean needs us!

Full name: Roseanne Roelink

To the Committee Secretary,
the ocean is an important part of the earths eco system. Protecting it is important to our survival and the survival of our delicate eco systems.

Full name: Phillip Roberts

To the Committee Secretary, to look after our planet is everyone's responsibility.

At the moment we are successfully destroying our home as we continue to choose to not live with nature.

Full name: Robyn Bedford

To the Committee Secretary,
I often try to Imagine the Ocean as a giant steril pool, no fishes, no Life in it. It terrifies me. Ocean Is Key for our lives and all Life on earth. Preserving Its health and biodiversity Is crucial for us to be more resilient and face climate change. We Need to ratify this global treaty, please. Protecting the Ocean means to protect us: we must do It as humans. Thank you

Full name: Elena Giusti

To the Committee Secretary, I believe that it is imperative that Australia supports and FULLY promotes the Global Ocean Treaty. It is in ALL of our interests to maintain the oceans that surrounds us as a healthy and thriving biosphere. It is important that Australia use it's influence and leadership role to encourage it's friends an neighbors to do the same.
Note the benefits that the banning of commercial whaling has had on the health and vitality of whale populations in the Southern oceans.
Please RATIFY the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Aloka Reeves

To the Committee Secretary,
I wish the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as it is the only way to save our Oceans for our future generations & indeed for all other Countries future generations
Yours sincerely,
Bob Bell

Full name: Bob Bell

To the Committee Secretary,

Your work now is so important. Yet I wonder how many people know about it. My home is 150 metres from the ocean on Kangaroo Island South Australia, yet I wonder how many of my neighbours know what their government's joint standing committee on treaties is considering right now.

What I do know is how many care about their largest, most important neighbour, the sea and the ocean, and how important it is for them. I have lived close to the ocean most of my life, was born by it, and I have never met anyone who doesn't care about it, respect it, take some responsibility for it when they know something about it; that is, taking all these responses together, they love it in a real sense, like a loyal friend who never goes away. Like many a friend, it can be tempestuous, but it always there when you need it. So we all, in our heart of hearts, know we need to look after it, once we realise how much we are now having almost as profound effect on it as it has had on us. And especially when we begin to realise our overall effect is not good.

Then, if we know this, we must accept we are betraying one of our best friends, certainly the largest and most significant thing on the planet, once we accept the Global Ocean as something that acts on us and everything we know in ways we no longer can ignore.

And yet of course we can, and we do. Like the largest elephant in any room, in any place or situation, it may be so big and powerful and influential we are almost frightened to acknowledge it and its importance to us, to our continued survival on this planet. But we must and you must. How many countries have signed up for this treaty, and how many have ratified it? Pitifully few, one country and islands on the front line of climate change who face complete extinction in the near future.

Well as you know we too are an island, the largest island on the planet surrounded by thousands of islands and we are all under threat. But again, how many realise it? We must wake up to our situation and how better to do it than with a global effort to protect our global ocean, the original 'immense or boundless expanse of something', originally an adjective qualifying the sea we can see; but once we realised how big it is, bigger than any sea, it needed to be recognised as the thing itself, so immense and so close to us all in so many ways.

So if you care (you must) and respect the ocean (you do) please take your responsibility now for it seriously and know exactly what you are doing, the greatest work there is for the planet in protecting the liquid ring of life around us and within us. How so?

By ratifying this treaty, this Global Ocean Treaty now or at least before 2025 you will be leading the world governments along with Chile to do the same and ensure that at least 30% of the oceans can be adequately protected by 2030. Of course the shipping and fishing industries, along with the mineral exploration and fossil fuel industries, will be seriously affected by these protections, but it must be for their good too that they learn to protect our waters and not

ruinously exploit them. For they too have much to gain from doing what needs to be done.

It would be a courageous decision, given the vested interests still opposed to real ocean protection, but you can do it, stand up together as you must and ratify this excellent treaty now.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,
Dr Martin McAvoy

Full name: Martin McAvoy

To the Committee Secretary, The global ocean treaty is an international breakthrough in the protection of our planet's by diversity. I urge the government to ratify the treaty as soon as possible for all those species, as well as ourselves;and to show leadership with other countries.

Please do this.

Full name: Michael Roberts

To the Committee Secretary,

I firmly believe that it is critically important for Australia to support and champion the Global Ocean Treaty. We are a hugely influential nation in the southern hemisphere that has access to both the Indian and Pacific Oceans, as well as a huge range of territories and seas. With Australia's support, many island and other ocean-dependent nations and peoples will support the legitimacy of the GOT.

With unique biospheres as well as serving greater systems such as trans-oceanic currents and migration routes for an immense range of species, it is unreasonable that there is no comprehensive standard for protection of these ecosystems upon which hundreds of millions of people rely. Relying on individual

nations to reach independent consensus is not a luxury we can afford, as the collapse of ocean ecosystems which are too poorly understood to count on their resilience could potentially result in the death and suffering of untold numbers of people. If any one area is affected, it is understood that the effects will spread, as evident with the spreading bleaching events in the Great Barrier Reef.

To not support the ratification of the GOT is tantamount to selling your own food supply for empty promises. It cannot be worth any gain to allow the continued abuse of the source of all life on earth, and the economic mismanagement of resources we have shown time and time again are not infinite.

We must act with intelligence and perspective, but most of all responsibly. Never before our industrial era has humanity been able to completely erase resources, neglecting the survival of our species. It has happened in the Atlantic, with atlantic cod being farmed to the point of collapse. It must not be allowed to happen again.

Full name: Louie Dowell-Wise

To the Committee Secretary, Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty so we can protect our ocean to have a healthy thriving conservation effort for our lifetime and into the future. this will ensure that our grandchildren will be able to enjoy the species that live in our oceans and it's wonderful displays of nature. Thank you Marianna Reid.

Full name: Marianna Reid

To the Committee Secretary, animals are apart of the eco system and if we keep polluting and destroying the planet we are apart of then the amount of damage to our world will never go back to the way it was because when it is gone there's no chance of getting it back and what would that make us? To me that indicates that we are a destroyer and that it is only a matter of time before we kill off our own lives or the planet

Full name: Ashleigh Mayers

To the Committee Secretary,
Being 59 years old I have seen how our ocean was when I was young for myself. I
have noticed the change in 50years. If we keep acting like we do there won't be
anything to enjoy in another 50 years.

Full name: Allana PITCHER

To the Committee Secretary,
We are in a climate emergency
The oceans keep us alive
Their health is critical for all life
Treaty now

Full name: John Neve

To the Committee Secretary,
Our environment is precious to us all.
The oceans feed us and protect us from global warming. We all need a safe and
healthy ocean.
Protect our oceans and protect us all.
Thanks Joanne

Full name: Joanne Stevenson

The Ocean Treaty, a groundbreaking international agreement, aims to address critical challenges related to ocean conservation and sustainable use. By creating a new body to manage ocean life and establish marine protected areas in the high seas, the treaty sets the stage for a more responsible and cooperative approach to safeguarding our oceans.

The Urgency of Ocean Conservation

Marine Biodiversity: Our oceans are teeming with life, from majestic whales and playful dolphins to delicate sea turtles and diverse fish species. These marine creatures play essential roles in maintaining ecosystem balance and supporting human livelihoods.

Transboundary Migrations: Many marine species undertake long annual migrations, crossing national borders and venturing into the high seas. These migratory routes connect ecosystems and nations, emphasizing the need for coordinated conservation efforts.

Patchwork of Laws: Until now, protecting marine life has been hindered by a confusing patchwork of national and regional laws. The Ocean Treaty seeks to harmonize these efforts, ensuring a unified approach to conservation.

Key Provisions of the Ocean Treaty

New Conservation Body: The treaty establishes a dedicated body responsible for managing ocean resources. This body will coordinate efforts, set conservation goals, and oversee the establishment of marine protected areas.

Environmental Impact Assessments: Ground rules for conducting environmental impact assessments (EIAs) are a cornerstone of the treaty. Commercial activities in the oceans—such as fishing, mining, and tourism—will undergo rigorous EIAs to minimize harm to marine ecosystems.

Global Cooperation: The Ocean Treaty recognizes that the ocean is not an infinite resource. It emphasizes the need for global cooperation to ensure sustainable use. By working together, nations can protect marine biodiversity while supporting human communities.

Addressing Exploitation and Pollution

Commercial Fishing and Mining: The high seas have long suffered from overfishing and destructive mining practices. The treaty aims to regulate these activities, promoting responsible practices that maintain healthy fish populations and preserve fragile ecosystems.

Pollution Control: Chemicals, plastics, and other pollutants threaten marine life. The Ocean Treaty encourages pollution control measures, emphasizing the importance of clean oceans for both wildlife and human well-being.

Conclusion

The Ocean Treaty represents a historic opportunity to safeguard our oceans for future generations. By acknowledging the finite nature of ocean resources and

fostering global cooperation, we can ensure a sustainable and thriving marine environment. Let us rally behind this vital agreement and work together to protect the blue heart of our planet.

Full name: sean frawley

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to make it legally binding.

The global ocean is critically important and governments must protect international waters without qualification.

The Global Ocean Treaty will be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Please do the right thing and ratify it before June 2025.

Kind regards
Nikki

Full name: Nikki Prentice

To the Committee Secretary, What an amazing thing to protect our oceans well into the future. You should be proud.

Full name: Joe McPherson

O think that the biodiversity of the world's oceans is vastly under rated .you cannot let fisherman regulate there own interest. Look at the northsea cod fishing for example .we have an opportunity to improve the biodiversity of the uworld's oceans. Make it happen for your grandkids sake
Mark Weston

Full name: Mark Weston

To the Committee Secretary, Its time.

Full name: Livy Vine

To the Committee Sel would like to see the committee secretary "Ratify The Global Ocean Treaty" for the sake of sea creatures, (from snails to whales,) our environment, and common sense!!
Don't wait.! Don't procrastinate, JUST DO IT.!

Full name: Keith Sargeant

To the Committee Secretary, This treaty will ensure that all of our most

presouse and vonarible place and pseciese will be protected, this not a will
think about it situasion it is a must do situasion because the risck of loss is just
to high.

Full name: TONY wAUGH

To the Committee Secretary,

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but
it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be
protected by 2030.

I am a surfer. I am an ocean lover. I am 34 years old and I want the oceasn to be
healthy for all of my days, and for future generations.

Full name: Carly Dober

To the Committee Secretary,

Our planet is on the brink of a historic, life-changing turn of events. To help
alleviate the expected catastrophic impacts, especially those already emerging
such as severe ocean-related weather events, widespread coral bleaching, and
increasing habitat and species loss, the human race must attempt to safeguard
as much of our oceans as possible. Please ensure the Global Ocean Treaty is
ratified.

Thank you.

Full name: Matthew Frend

To the Committee Secretary,
I feel that the oceans are of vital importance to Australia in so many ways: as a source of food, biodiversity, tourism and jobs.

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Hester Slade

To the Committee Secretary,
Surrounded by ocean, Australia is strategically placed to be known as a protector of the ocean.

Healthy, thriving oceans are essential for the survival of us all: humans, animals, plant life, wind patterns, rainfall, the very geology of the earth itself.

For too long we humans have taken the oceans of the world for granted, and we can see now what this neglect means: death of coral reefs, death of animal and plant species, detrimental changes in current and wind patterns, changes in rainfall patterns, increasingly destructive storms. The list goes on.

The Australian Government must act now to protect what is left, and to work with other nations to restore what can be restored.

There is no time left to procrastinate.

I urge the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to strongly recommend that Australia ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Janet Pollock

To the Committee Secretary, Oceans contribute enormously to the conservation of environmental balance since, thanks to the processes that take place there,

they are the largest source of oxygen on the planet, even larger than forests and jungles.

Full name: Maria Garcia

To the Committee Secretary,

Please find the words on my behalf. I fully support ocean protection.

Full name: Barbara Lynn

To the Committee Secretary, We want our oceans to be protected clean from all pollutants to protect ocean life in all forms that now and in the future our descendants will have the same access and joy of seeing the beautiful sea creatures and beaches we all love to see

Full name: Hilary Baart

To the Committee Secretary,
The world needs bounteous diversity to survive past short term commercial interests. Enough of our oceans must be protected to the ensure fishing industry is sustainable and poor nations that rely on the sea for their livelihoods don't have to turn to piracy as we have seen in Somalia and the Yemen.

Full name: Ian Swney

To the Committee Secretary,
I strongly believe that healthy oceans are hugely important for the world, for
Australia and for all of us as individuals.
Please ratify the Global Ocean Treats for all our sakes. Thank you,
Alison Horsley

Full name: Alison Horsley

To the Committee Secretary,
Conservation of our oceans is critical. The oceans are a huge source of food,
plants and fish, that we depend upon. The oceans regulate our weather and
provide moisture uptake that falls as rain upon our lands, orchards and farms.
Over-fishing and pollution must be stopped to ensure that all of us continue to
enjoy the bounties of our oceans.

Full name: Noel Duhigg

To the Committee Secretary,
Ocean conservation is a must for the sustainability of life on our planet for all
living things. We cannot be complacent.

Full name: Lauren Dabinet

To the Committee Secretary,

I want the Australian government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to protect our reefs and sea creatures. The turtles and sea manatees.

I went to the Great Barrier Reef when I was a child. I watched in wonder at all the colourful fish and quiet coral. It was beautiful. And now most of the reef is dying. We must save it.

Full name: Deanna Sketcher

To the Committee Secretary, The world's oceans display a powerful force in the climate of our globe, whether living beside and ocean or inland, our daily lives and living are connected to the oceans. It is important every effort is made by everyone to ensure the oceans are functioning well and continue to be a major factor in our daily living. Isabella (Belle) Moore

Full name: Isabella Moore

To the Committee Secretary,

I am making this submission to your Committee to ask that you take a stand and Ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to conserve our Ocean.

As we are all aware International waters covers two thirds of the world's ocean,

yet less than 1% is properly protected. To reach 30x30 world leaders must protect more than 11 million KM2 of ocean every year.

Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial over-fishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters. Many marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometers to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters.

With the installation of Wind Turbine Farms this is becoming very dangerous for the Whale Migrations and Sea Bird Populations. Wind Farms on the Ocean must be stopped.

Sincerely
Laraine Bunt

Full name: Laraine Bunt

To the Committee Secretary, Don't kill the oceans.

Full name: David Bibo

To the Committee Secretary,
Let's stand together and make a stand for our children and the future of our planet. Doing the tough things is what you will be remembered for. Thank you

Full name: Lorina Harris

To the Committee Secretary, I feel strongly about protecting our oceans now. The quality of life to all creatures and especially humanity is at thread if we continue to abuse this body of water with our current uncontrolled over fishing and polluting the oceans. Please. Please ratify the treaty now. Thank you. Armin Kluge

Full name: Armin Kluge

To the Committee Secretary,

Go and look at the Great Barrier Reef. Really look at it.

We have (as a species) shat on the ocean. We had a natural wonder of the world that was pristine and is now dying. It behoves us to learn from this and do better.

From an evolutionary and ecological perspective, our oceans are everything. We need to invest in them now. For all life on this planet, and especially if we care about humanity and about our comfort.

Full name: Leigh Couchman

To the Committee Secretary,

We are all interdependent beings & creatures of the oceans and earth so the preservation of the international waters is the key to life.

We need The Global Ocean Treaty to be ratified to protect the seas asap.

But we also need the Australian government to support & urgently implement the protection of the oceans.

We hope that the outcome of these urgent, vital ratifications will be implemented sooner than later.

Thank you hearing us out.

Cheers ... may you have a good day.

Ming Cassim

Full name: Ming Cassim

To the Committee Secretary, The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life.

Full name: Antonio Rogers

To the Committee Secretary,
The oceans are so important to our life. They contribute to our temperatures, they contain such a variety of life, provide enjoyment to countless people. They are also an important food source which needs to be managed so it does not cause fish to become endangered.
I would like to see the dumping of rubbish and waste into the oceans banned.
I would also like to see more controls on the huge trawlers who take up everything that gets caught in their nets.
I would also like to see the banning of dumping fishing nets in the ocean. They cause untold harm to the fish, whales etc that get caught in them.
Thank you for ypur concern

Full name: Ellen Henderson

To the Committee Secretary, our ocean biodiversity is important for so many reasons. Industry than depends on tourism, industry that depends on sustainable fishing, climate change and stopping bleaching. An international response de is needed. Please ratify the Global ocean treaty. Regards Kim Lawson

Full name: Kim Lawson

To the Committee Secretary,

We are in times that require commitment by governments and policy makers to secure the future of our oceans to remain in pristine condition for future generations

Full name: Gary Vaughan

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Australians are salt water people. From our indigenous nations and peoples, to the first fleeters and all of the other migrants that came on ships over the seas. All of Australia's history and future is tied with the ocean. Ratify the treaty so that our future is one that better ensures the ocean is one full with life, wonder and adventure, not one that is an empty barren void. Ratify the Global Ocean Treaty before the next federal election.

Full name: Jackson Stutsel

To the Committee Secretary, protection of our oceans is the key, we need more marine sanctuaries and better protection from over fishing.

Full name: Britta Hawney

To the Committee Secretary,

The ocean is the lifeblood of the world. Let's do what we can to keep it healthy.

Full name: Mitchell Johns

To the Committee Secretary,

There are so many reasons why global action is required in protecting our ocean, not the least being the fact that they are connected. On the one hand, outbreaking species such as crown-of-thorns starfish (COTS) can spread throughout the IndoPacific, but their absence from the Atlantic can also stop a sea-level Panama Canal on environmental grounds before it even starts being built. We must protect the diversity of the ocean. What we have observed with COTS over the last 60 years, where massive population explosions (outbreaks) spread from initially small seeding events, is a warning of what can happen with highly fecund invertebrates. Just wait until COTS make their way to the Atlantic eventually.

Full name: John Paterson

To the Committee Secretary,

We all know how vital the health of the oceans of the planet are on the health and indeed the survival of our way of life. Please ratify this Global Ocean Treaty for the sake of all living creatures.

Full name: Bronwyn Sindel

To the Committee Secretary,

We are supposed to be responsible for not just the Aussie nature but must participate in making sure the rest of the world do the right thing, we all share the same planet and it is our global duty to take good care of it !

Full name: Percy Montoya

To the Committee Secretary,

for too long the ocean has been used as an indiscriminate source of food and a place to dispose of human waste in the belief that it is so vast that it won't make a difference. We now know better and we must embrace the imperative to protect our oceans. This has to be done with utmost priority, to protect not only our ocean's and marine life but also to support communities whose lives depend on the ocean. Humans tend to focus on how something will affect them in the short term however Governments must work to protect our planet by implementing long lasting change that will actually support people in the long term. For way too long we have felt entitled to exploit our world, go where we want to go, take what we feel we are entitled to and dispose of our waste where it hasn't been visible, until it has sadly now become visible.

Australians have always felt an affinity with the ocean, we love "her jewel-sea",

as a nation we have to prioritise the protection of our oceans. Australia must be seen to be a global leader in this and also help people to understand that this will support their own livelihood in the future by ensuring there is a future for our oceans.

Full name: Barbara Marquand

To the Committee Secretary,
I love the ocean, and swim all year round near my home in Manly, Australia. The positive impact of the local Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve (designated in 2002) shows the power of protecting the ocean habitat on a small scale. Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty so that we can conserve what we have before its too late!

Best,
Ange Virtue

Full name: Ange Virtue

To the Committee Secretary,
Please protect our precious marine life by making the Global Ocean treaty legally binding.

Full name: Subhana Barzaghi

To the Committee Secretary, we need to protect our oceans for our future generations. Too many things are being lost due to governments doing what they want and not thinking of what will be lost. Please do something to protect what's important

Full name: Susan Bayliss

To the Committee Secretary,

Marine wildlife are under threat from so many different sources including climate change, deep sea mining, ocean acidification, overfishing and farming of krill to name a few. The oceans are essential for life on Earth and we must increase protections for the oceans to flourish.

As Global warming and mass extinctions increase I am very concerned that we are putting an unsustainable amount of pressure on the oceans.

Governments around the world must increase the amount of protected areas and decrease all these pressures on the oceans especially to ban deep sea mining and over fishing. Both these will have dire consequences for life on Earth.

Full name: Abigail Humphreys

To the Committee Secretary,

I wish to make a submission recommending the strongest possible effort to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

I clean beaches in Western Australia of plastic and other debris. We are in better condition than places where ocean currents deliver a daily plastic load. It is getting late now for humans to avoid poisoning themselves off this earth by poisoning the ocean with plastic chemicals, microplastics and acidification. War time like action is required urgently.

Full name: Stewart Jackson

To the Committee Secretary,
I've recently returned from my first trip to Antarctica and was in awe of the majestic beauty of those oceans and all that lives in and around it.

It was also horrifically evident that krill and other fishing was occurring at an immense and increasing industrial level. I saw many huge trawlers operating unhindered and uncontrolled. The devastation being caused throughout the Antarctic marine ecology was obvious.

The world is in desperate need of a strong and binding Global Ocean Treaty to manage this industry and to establish sustainable operations.
Your action is essential now and your ethical responsibility is clear.

Full name: Sandra Ruecroft

To the Committee Secretary, please save the ocean, this should be priority no.1 for our existence and to protect animals.
Thank you

Full name: Miroslava Elfeky

To the Committee Secretary, my children, my children's children, my children's grand children. I think you get the drift

Full name: brett fidler

To the Committee Secretary, all of earth's eco systems are under stress. The ocean is crucial to our food and oxygen supply. Anything we can do to help protect it must surely be a high priority for everyone.

Full name: Peter Kumaschow

To the Committee Secretary,
I am writing to request the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as a matter of extreme importance.
This Treaty will help ensure the ongoing protection and health of the world's oceans at a time when such protection is paramount to assist in arresting further damage and pollution.
The oceans play a critical role in climate control and food sustainability. Their health is essential for the survival of thousands of species, some as yet undiscovered.
Oceans are currently experiencing massive pollution from many sources.
As an island continent surrounded by many seas Australia should be a determined participant in ocean protection.
Australia should therefore be one of the countries to ratify this vitally important Global Ocean Treaty.
I therefore urge The Government's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to prioritise the signing this Treaty.
Thank you.
Regards
Ruth Thompson

Full name: Ruth Thompson

To the Committee Secretary,
To create a united program on tackling ocean pollution.

I'm currently returning from a 2 yr sailing trip in Indonesia and single use plastic in the water problem is critical.

Full name: Simon Fleury

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify this Global Oceans Treaty. This is necessary to the future health of the planet and everything that lives on it.

Full name: Beth Jane Freeman

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty! We need to safe our global, our fauna and flora and ourselves as soon and efficient as possible! This would get us a step closer!

Please go all the way and don't get stopped because of economic reasons or general stupidity.

Thank you!

Kind regards,
Jasmin

Full name: Jasmin Guitton

To the Committee Secretary,

I am increasingly concerned by the neglect and wanton destruction of the

world's marine life where (I understand) only 1% of the world's waters are under protection.

Continuing evidence of rampant and unsustainable stock depletion, wasteful by catch, harmful fishing methods and fishing industry waste product littering the seas - alongside the increasingly visible effects of global sea warming and increasing human demand - all occurring with no effective oversight, governance or consequences for these behaviours - is why I believe the Global Ocean Treaty must be ratified by the Australian Parliament and enforced by credible State actors with extreme urgency.

We as Australians have effective influence over vast ocean expanses around our nation - and we should take custodianship and responsibility where we can to save our oceans for all of our sakes. As our elected representatives, I would have thought this should be a bipartisan issue - so please do it now.

Full name: Peter Zinn

To the Committee Secretary,

Australia officially signed the Global Ocean Treaty in September last year, indicating the government's intent to be a party to the Treaty.

I am calling upon all parties to ratify the treaty to make it legally binding in Australia. We require the domestic legislation to bring it into law.

Now, it's open for consultation and the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties is preparing to make a recommendation to the government on if Australia should ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

This is our opportunity, as ocean-loving Australians, to make sure the Treaty Committee is aware of how much Australian's care about our island home. It is an opportunity to show real global leadership on ocean protection.

I am asking for the government to:

1. Ratify the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.
2. Champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

Regards,
Glenn Olive

Full name: Glenn Olive

To the Committee Secretary,

I want my kids to be able to swim in healthy, thriving oceans. I want their kids to be able to do the same! I want to feel that we're being kind custodians to all the beautiful sea life that has lived for thousands of years around Australia. Please sign the Global Ocean Treaty to ensure healthy, thriving oceans.

Full name: Caitlin Bull

To the Committee Secretary, please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty, at last world governments are waking up to the fact that the planet has finite and fragile resources and if we abuse / lose any this has an impact on us ALL - not just the few whose only interest is profit over sustainability

Full name: Paul Justin

To the Committee Secretary,

I was born 200 metres from one of Australia's well known beaches on the east

coast. The sound of the waves was one of the first sounds I heard and to this day brings me peace and tranquility whenever I am fortunate enough to experience it. It's beauty, mystery and wonder has captivated me all my life as have the amazing creatures that inhabit it. Oceans have sustained life on this planet since the beginning of time and our future as a species continues to depend on it. Our Government must do everything in its power to ensure its health and viability for future generations.

Full name: Frances Dart

To the Committee Secretary,
The global ocean treaty is really important because we've been harvesting from the oceans for centuries with very little understanding of the consequences of our actions. We are only just beginning to understand how much the well-being of the oceans affects the rest of the earth's conditions. Secondly, the actions of large scale fishing enterprises are destroying the ocean floor with little regard for the consequences for the whole ecosystem.
Yours sincerely
Jeanette Bastian

Full name: Jeanette Bastian

To the Committee Secretary, Ocean protection affects all of us. no one nation shoul have the right to slaughter , animals , destroy ocean floors the oceans are already under enourmous pressure ,we need a treay to protect this world ,

Full name: Marie Lewin

To the Committee Secretary,
I wrote to you on behalf of 7 members of my family who value the life of the oceans and do not want further destruction caused by big fishing interests. Our oceans must be protected from further plunder and critical breeding habitats protected through conservation areas. Limits on fish takes and stopping extractive mining from sea beds must be stopped where it threatens biodiversity.
We support the Australian government ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty

Full name: Jeremy Winer

To the Committee Secretary,

For me personally, as well as every living being on the earth and in the water, I beseech you to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Without strong protections, the ocean and marine life will continue to be trashed.

Please help to save our beautiful oceans and our lives.

Yours sincerely,
Leslie McIntyre

Full name: Leslie McIntyre

To the Committee Secretary,

I believe Australia is in a unique position to recognise the importance of healthy oceans. We are a relatively young country with less environmental pollution than many areas of the world and have grown to appreciate clean oceans and healthy biodiversity.

I'm sure I am not the only one felling concerned about the Great Barrier Reef bleaching risks or the obviously negative environmental effects of intensive salmon farming. But this applies broadly.

To have a better future we need to make better decisions than in the past and also to value resources for more than just short term economic exploitation. So I strongly encourage you to engage with the development of Global Ocean Treaty and ratify it.

Raymond Keefe

Full name: Raymond Keefe

To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing regarding the Joint Standing Committee of Treaties and their consideration to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

This highly commendable global ocean conservation proposal is the first step to ensure the protection of our oceans and the marine life they support.

International waters covers two thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected

Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters.

Because many marine creatures travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds each season, it is imperative that both national and international waters be protected.

Australia's signing of the treaty in 2023 indicates that we are concerned about the ongoing life of our oceans. I feel it is essential to ratify the proposal and to advocate, in the first instance, a marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand. Further, Australia should advocate for further afield protections of marine life, to ensure migratory creatures are safe wherever they go.

Yours faithfully,
Sue Whare

Full name: Sue Whare

To the Committee Secretary, just for the observation of the animals

Full name: Aaron Jacobson

To the Committee Secretary,

For too long we have treated the oceans and the rich biological communities within them as infinite resources which are infinitely exploitable. We now know that this is not the case and the impacts we are making on these massive and critical ecosystems are significantly harmful.

While they are deserving of protection in their own right - selfishly we need to consider the massive impacts these systems have on our own human best interests. This goes beyond tourism and recreation and the (massive) associated economic benefits to our economy but to our very survival. Planktonic algae contribute a very substantial proportion of all oxygen on the planet and we continue to harm oceanic environments to our considerable detriment.

I beg the Australian Government to ratify this treaty.

Full name: Kim Jenkins

To keep our oceans and marine wildlife as healthy as possible.

Full name: Lance Kammerud

To the Committee Secretary, a global ocean treaty is essential to protect what little marine life we have left. Without it, we won't have a sustainable fishing industry or recreational use of our oceans, a strong ecosystem is imperative

Full name: Elizabeth Evans

To the Committee Secretary,
The Oceans of the world are enormously important to the planet as a whole, to the people who live and work beside them, to the millions of creatures which live in and on them, and to me personally because I see them as a symbol of the total health of our earth.
Please ratify the GLOBAL OCEAN TREATY, for us, for those who come after us, for hope for the future.
Thank you.

Full name: penny Davies

To the Committee Secretary, the ocean needs protecting and it needs it now!!

Full name: Sanura Iervasi

To the Committee Secretary,

I have been swimming in the ocean my whole life. It gives me joy, and I am sure most Australians would agree, considering many of us live on the coast, that the ocean is foundational to national identity. It is also foundational to many systems of the natural world. Rain! It's where krill live! I want to eat fish in the future, we need a healthy protected ocean for a healthy fishery.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025!

Full name: Romy Ash

To the Committee Secretary,

The oceans (in effect 'the' ocean, since they are all connected) are currently suffering a combined onslaught of human created pollution (agricultural run-off, plastics and 'forever' chemicals, CO2 sink). They need to have strict laws protecting them if we as a species want to have a chance of long-term survival on this planet.

The Global Ocean Treaty plays a significant part, and is a critical step in the right direction. It needs to be ratified as soon as possible to ensure that a good portion of the oceans are protected by 2030.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kind regards,

Karsten Winter

Full name: Karsten Winter

To the Committee Secretary, The oceans are heating morr a idic and rising. It's imperative to intervene ro conserve biodiversity.

Full name: Susan Cuthbert

To the Committee Secretary,

Water is life . It is alive and supports all of life on the earth and runs through all of life. It is a life force that keeps up healthy. It is an ocean of LIFE and we as creators and given care of this planet. Waste and destruction are part of mankind not nature. Our water is precious and deserves more reverence. By contributing to the destruction of our oceans, you destroy life.

Full name: Susan H dean

To the Committee Secretary, the ocean is suffering due to human activity and if we don't start finding ways to look after it we will suffer along with it. Even if you don't care about the ocean, do it for your own wellbeing

Full name: Dylan Parks

To the Committee Secretary,

International waters covers two thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected.

Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters.

Many marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters.

We have behaved as if it is our right to use our worlds natural resources without consideration of the long term effects of our destructive behaviour on other species. So, as much as it is important to protect our land, our forests for future generations it is even more important that we protect our oceans and their inhabitants.

I implore you to make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding in Australia.

Thank you,

Full name: Christopher Shirley

To the Committee Secretary,

We are seeing both here in Australia and worldwide the impact of extreme weather events due to the environment destroying actions of our Colonial Capitalist Industrial society. The ocean is heating beyond sustainability life both marine and terrestrial.

It is time the government does what the people pay them to do and take steps to protect our environment now and for future.

Full name: Pia Antico

To the Committee Secretary,

We need to help the oceans as much as possible

Full name: DIANE HILL

To the Committee Secretary,

Ocean protection protects us all: the oceans provide us with our weather, our food, our livelihoods and a healthy planet. Governments must commit themselves to the care of our oceans by ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Sandey Fitzgerald

To save and conserve our amazing Marine life now and for future generations.

Thank You

Dr Somalatha gunawardana

Full name: Somalatha Gunawardana

To the Committee Secretary,

This Treaty must be fully supported by Governments to protect our oceans from

the degradations of unsustainable exploitation.

Full name: Jennifer Medway

To the Committee Secretary, I insist on:
Equitable and sensible fishing enabling fish populations to flourish. 'Factory' vessels plundering the now limited fish populations to be refused operating permission.
Elimination of dumping in the oceans, especially plastics and oil of all sorts.
This is currently blocking the production of the Planet's oxygen supply.
Mining of seabeds to cease permanently.

Full name: Stephen Kavanagh

To the Committee Secretary,

The Global Ocean Treaty is important to me because its health is connected to all of Earth and I want to see governments protecting all international waters from polluting and destructive human activities.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Please act with care behalf and be a Government that looks after our planet.

Sincerely
Jade Kemety

Full name: Jade Kemety

To the Committee Secretary,

It is no exaggeration to say that the habitability of the planet for humans is at stake.

This treaty is a vital part of keeping our planet habitable for us.

Every person has an interest in this treaty being ratified.

Evan Hadkins

Full name: Evan Hadkins

To the Committee Secretary and the Honourable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties,

As an Australian deeply connected to our vibrant marine environment, I urge the government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty promptly. Our oceans are vital to sustaining biodiversity, regulating the climate, and supporting livelihoods. The Treaty's implementation is crucial to protecting these invaluable ecosystems.

Ratifying the Treaty before the next federal election will demonstrate Australia's commitment to global environmental leadership. Moreover, establishing a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand will safeguard the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

I trust the Committee will recognise the urgency and importance of this matter. Let us lead by example and ensure the preservation of our oceans for future generations.

Yours sincerely,
Mik Aidt

Full name: Mik Aidt

Committee Secretary,
Please God you will save the incredibly beautiful terrain, plants and living
creatures in our oceans by now making this Global Ocean Treaty legally binding.
God bless you!!!

Full name: Sr Anne Moir

To the Committee Secretary,
Please protect our oceans. You have this opportunity to do good. Seize the
moment. Have courage.
Thank you and regards Ann

Full name: Ann Miller

To the Committee Secretary,
I want you to ratify the treaty and make it binding. We are all responsible for the
oceans.

Full name: Lisa Hammermeister

To the Committee Secretary,
We must protect our precious oceans. Water is life.

Full name: Janet Binette

To the Committee Secretary, please ratify the global ocean treaty. The ocean, all that live within it are so critical and play an important role and deserve to be protected

Full name: Sarlu LeCren

To the Committee Secretary.
It is not just about protecting the inhabitants of the oceans. As a species we need to ensure our own future. The only way forward is to protect the environment as much as we possibly can, this is not negotiable. The air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat should be sacrosanct. We soil and spoil these resources at our Peril. We are the creators of our own future and destiny and as such need to make positive decisions that appropriately address the future of the species.
Ignore this and it is likely that we will end up creating our own nightmare and extinction in the end.
By protecting the oceans and environment we are creating the environment conducive to the viability of our own species.

Full name: Robin Bailey

To the Committee Secretary,

The Australian government must ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to protect our oceans - it must do all it can to preserve what we have into the future. To not do so is a crime against humanity.

Full name: Janet Sayce

I am a regular, year round swimmer in Melbourne's Port Phillip Bay. An Ocean Treaty will help to protect Port Phillip's marine life and reduce the effects of pollution in our marvellous asset. Please ratify.

Full name: Don Warner

To the Committee Secretary, To help preserve and protect all of earths oceans, creeks, rivers, streams, waterways, for future generations of humans to enjoy and sustain their livelihoods.

I have seen pollution of the oceans increase tenfold in the last decade, being a sailor and a surfer, at various locations around the world.

Full name: Andrew Willing

To the Committee Secretary,

Oceans support a vast array of life forms, from microscopic phytoplankton to large marine mammals. A healthy ocean ecosystem ensures biodiversity, which is essential for ecological balance and resilience against environmental changes.

Oceans play a significant role in regulating the Earth's climate. They absorb a substantial amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere, acting as a carbon sink and helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Additionally, ocean currents distribute heat around the globe, influencing weather patterns and climate systems.

Many communities around the world depend on oceans as a primary source of food. Healthy oceans support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, providing protein-rich food sources for billions of people.

Oceans contribute significantly to the global economy through industries such as fisheries, shipping, tourism, and pharmaceuticals. Healthy marine ecosystems support these industries by ensuring sustainable resources and recreational opportunities.

Marine plants, particularly phytoplankton, produce a significant portion of the Earth's oxygen through photosynthesis. Healthy oceans maintain robust populations of phytoplankton, which are critical for oxygen production and maintaining atmospheric balance.

Coral reefs, mangrove forests, and coastal wetlands act as natural barriers that protect coastal communities from storms, erosion, and flooding. Healthy marine ecosystems enhance these protective functions, safeguarding human populations and infrastructure.

Research and Innovation: Oceans are a source of inspiration and discovery for scientific research and technological innovation. Studying marine biodiversity, ecosystems, and processes can lead to advancements in medicine, renewable energy, and sustainable resource management.

In summary, healthy oceans are essential for the well-being of both marine life and human society. Protecting and conserving these ecosystems is crucial for sustainable development and ensuring a resilient future for generations to come

Full name: Melody Law

To because it is the Aust Govt's responsibility to play it's part and not just rely on the rest of the world.

Full name: Gloria Gibb

To the Committee Secretary,

It is crucial that the Global Ocean Treaty is ratified. If we continue with our present treatment of oceans, not only will a beautiful part of our planet be destroyed, but it could lead to a disruption of the food chain which would directly cause billions of people to go hungry.

We need to conserve the oceans if we want to avoid a global crisis of extreme proportions. Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is the first step on that path.

Oscar Abraham

Full name: Oscar Abraham

To the Committee Secretary, the oceans are the most important sources of life on this planet.

Full name: Andrea Chisari

To the Committee Secretary, dear prime minister

Please ratify the global ocean treaty!

There must be a world body to protect our oceans, if we don't stop over fishing humans will pay the ultimate price!

Super trawlers are wiping out everything from the surface to the ocean floor

with no care what they are doing, it can't continue..
Now companies want to mine the ocean seabed! With catastrophic consequences it can't be allowed to happen.
So for now and future generations please help protect as much ocean as possible before it's too late and ratify the ocean treaty!!

Kind regards
Andrew Hookham

Full name: Andrew Hookham

In my lifetime I have seen unprecedented degradation of our ocean, I feel what will be like in the next 50 years, it is madness and reckless to accept the situation where the ocean has no rules, no control, no limits and no future

Full name: Salvador Mata luque

To the Committee Secretary, all ways that will save our oceans and those that live in them please

Full name: Anne Roberts

To the Committee Secretary,
Australia is surrounded by oceans, and the health of the oceans impacts us all

directly or indirectly. In addition, the ocean has no boundaries, and so the health of the oceans depends on international cooperation
Already climate change is causing stress in many ocean ecosystems including our precious reef. The Global Ocean Treaty gives us all an international mechanism to cooperate and protect the oceans for Australia and the planet. I urge Australia to ratify this treaty and enact the domestic legislation needed to bring it into law before the next Federal election.
In addition, I support the calls for an ocean sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand, which benefits both countries as well
Thank you
Dr Sarah Buckley

Full name: Sarah Buckley

To the Committee Secretary,
for the health safety and even survival of all species, including ourselves - note the the wild fires in California and please read the New Scientist

Full name: Patricia Moynihan

To the Committee Secretary,

We need to act now.

V

Full name: Vikram Chowdhary

To the Committee Secretary,
The ocean affects all of us. The waters that cover over 70% of our planet produce half the earth's oxygen, help to regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods to billions of people, and are home to a magnificent diversity of marine life

Full name: Lorna Crawford

To protect our Oceans and the Marine life whose call Our Oceans home

Full name: Cathy Jackson

To the Committee Secretary,

Are we the most stupid animals on the planet?

Probably, because if we continue to destroy our environment for short term profits, the Planet won't care, the environment won't care, the ultimate result of our devastation will be to wash our babies out with our polluted and putrid bath water, into the rest of the muck we are putting in our oceans.

Actually I have changed my mind, give me the money now, give me what I want now, I can only be truly happy when I own it all. Forget the children, forget the grand-children, that's their problem, not my problem. Really?

Full name: Robert Marston

The oceans are vital to the health of our world and if we keep polluting them, we won't get a second chance.

The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030. I therefore urge you to act on this now before it is too late. That will be the first step but then our government should push for a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

What sort of legacy do you want for your time in office? Do you want to be remembered as the government that let the oceans be poisoned? If not, please take action now.

Full name: Duncan Richardson

To the Committee Secretary,

I love our country and the water that surrounds us. We have a duty to protect the precious marine life as they cannot do so themselves. I hope you feel the same way and wish to make the Global Ocean Treaty a legally binding contract. Thank you for taking the time to read.

Warm regards,
Holly

Full name: Holly Canino

To the Committee Secretary,

Oceans cover 72% of our planet and provide half the oxygen. Nearly 3 billion people depend on oceans for food and jobs. It regulates our planet's climate.

The biodiversity in the oceans enriches human life.

But, our oceans are in peril. They are threatened by over-fishing, human-caused pollution, and human-caused global warming.

If the oceans die, we die.

Please protect our oceans by ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty.

Thank you!

Full name: Suparna Vashisht

To the Committee Secretary, please sign to and ratify the global ocean treaty on my behalf as I believe the oceans of the world are precious and require protection. Thanks.

Full name: Jeff Herse

To the Committee Secretary,
This earth we depend upon for human survival is under threat. The oceans need to be protected and pristine for the health of our planet. I cry out to the people who are leaders of the stewardship right now: they need to leave the planet in a better state when you retire and do not have the voice to speak out for our planet's health. I put this directly at your feet because you are the ones on watch. I beg you save our oceans.

Full name: Sharon Walker

To the Committee Secretary, this will be the most important treaty for mankind, if we do nothing other countries will rape the planet

Full name: Michael Embling

To the Committee Secretary,
I wish to submit my support for the Global Ocean Treaty.

Regards
Rebecca Redman

Full name: Rebecca Redman

To the Committee Secretary,
I am strongly in favour of the Australian Government ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty. As an island nation I believe that we should lead the way in showing our commitment to protecting our planet's oceans.
I believe that we need a global treaty to enable the coordination of international efforts in this direction.

Full name: Jo Evenden

To the Committee Secretary,
The protection of global oceans is vital for our future on mother earth.
The Global Ocean Treaty can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.
I urge the Australian government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty on behalf of the Australian people.
Yours sincerely,
Kristine Philipp
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Full name: Kristine Philipp

To the Committee Secretary,
Considering that the worlds oceans account for over 70% of the area of the Earth, and considering that mankind has unashamedly trashed the land that he lives on, I call on you to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.
The oceans, whether we like it or not are key to our very survival on this planet.
“In the end, our society will be defined not by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy”.
John Sawhill, President of the Nature Conservancy, 1990 - 2000.

Let's not participate in any further degradation of our oceans, ... protect them while we still are able, we might not get a second chance.

Yours sincerely,
Ray Pink

Full name: Ray Pink

To the Committee Secretary,

Healthy Oceans are vital to the survival of our planet. Please complete your intention to sign Australia's commitment to the international treaty.

Full name: Bernard Parsons

To the Committee Secretary, for the sake of all that live, please ensure that the Global Ocean Treaty is ratified.

Full name: Keri James

To the Committee Secretary,

A healthy ocean is critical to all life on planet Earth. After all, life as we know it emerged from the oceans a couple of billion years ago. Of course, the oceans are especially precious to oceans peoples like our neighbours in the "Large Ocean States" in the Pacific. And not just the coastal oceans. They rely on the health of the oceans at large for access to migratory species, and their coastal waters are increasingly affected by the pollution of the ocean outside their jurisdiction by other actors. We also know that ocean health is critical to the way weather systems develop and that ocean peoples are more likely to be devastated by negative developments.

Full name: Wendy Flannery

To the Committee Secretary, fish stocks are in steep decline globally and, unless arrested, this will lead to a severe food shortage for the human population. Also, of course, collapsing marine ecosystems will rebound on us in ways we can't begin to imagine. We must conserve our marine systems.

Full name: Frank Box

To the Committee Secretary, I HAVE SAILED HALF WAY AROUND OUR WORLD ON A SMALL YACHT,NO ONE CAN DO THAT WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING GODS HAND IN EVERYTHING AND HE/SHE ALWAYS WINS

Full name: Gordon Jones

Oceans are vital to sustaining life on Earth. They regulate the climate, produce oxygen, support biodiversity, provide food and jobs, drive economies, offer recreational opportunities, and hold immense cultural and spiritual significance. Protecting and preserving our oceans is essential for maintaining the health and well-being of the planet and all its inhabitants.

Full name: Puneet Chhabra

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like to Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because

I'd prefer that ensuing generations of human beings will have the option of enjoying living on Earth.

Full name: Michael Burns

The more protection we can give our oceans the better .They are already over exploited , Regards NicTo the Committee Secretary,

Full name: Nicholas Wallis-Smith

To the Committee Secretary, it is important for the future that the environment can finally have peace and prosperity and that the human race can learn to live beside it instead of constantly draining it of its magic. It is the paradise that many don't realise it is, yet we constantly abuse it and destroy it just to continue a life that will eventually end because of global warming and mass extinction. Ecosystems are collapsing, natural disasters are increasing. Australia will have one of the biggest impacts as we already face many coral bleaching events, bush fires, cyclones, droughts, and even hurricanes as of late. For the future of the environment and the prosperity of the future generations- your kids or grandchildren?- please treat nature with the respect and nurturing it deserves.

Full name: Caitlyn Donnelly

To the Committee Secretary, save all life in the sea

Full name: gary wood

To the Committee Secretary,

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty so our oceans can be safe!
Peace and Love.

Full name: Kaz Brekker

To the Committee Secretary, the ocean is the lungs of the world and the
ecosystems that support it need to be protected.

Full name: Kris McLeod

To the Committee Secretary,

It is my hope and recommendation that the Australian Government ratifies the
Global Ocean Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is
completed by June 2025. In addition, the Australian Government should
implement a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to
protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea
region.

Full name: Sam Wilce

To the Committee Secretary, I would like to know that our world will be one where my grandchildren will want to have their own grandchildren. Please!!

Full name: Timothy Egan

To the Committee Secretary,

Australia officially signed the Global Ocean Treaty in September last year, a symbolic gesture indicating the government's intent to be a party to the Treaty.

Ratifying the treaty is the next step to make it legally binding in Australia, and requires domestic legislation to bring it into law. On June 24th, the Australian Government tabled the Treaty in Parliament and published a 'Regulatory Impacts Statement' for consideration.

Now, it's open for consultation and the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties is preparing to make a recommendation to the government on if Australia should ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

This is your opportunity, as an ocean-loving Australian, to make sure the Treaty Committee knows just how much we care about our island home showing real global leadership on ocean protection.

thanks dave

Full name: david clark

To the Committee Secretary, The ocean is one of the most important areas in the world not just australia. The safety of whales,dolphins, seals and many other species depend on us to do the right thing for the planet and ratify this.

Full name: virginia allnutt

To the Committee Secretary, please protect our ocean as it affects all of us. We rely on you to do the right thing.

Full name: Eliana Colimodio

To the Committee Secretary,

Oceans are an important ecosystem and under threat worldwide, with sad implications seen in the Great Barrier Reef and in the South where seaweed forests disappear. Please help protect this important treasure and lifeline and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Thank you very much.

Full name: Heike Kavanagh

To the Committee Secretary, I want to see the Australian Government urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty before 2025. Our oceans are under threat from multiple human pressures that continue to grow every day. The future of our planet and the livelihoods of billions of people lies in the health of our oceans. You have already signed onto the Treaty - now please make it legally binding!

Full name: Sascha Hawkins