



# Community Submissions to JSCOT regarding BBNJ Agreement Ratification

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To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect the irreplaceable diversity of species living in the oceans. Every time I go to the beach, I marvel at all the creatures & plants. All of these depend upon our oceans for their existence. As of course, do we.

Please do ratify this treaty.

Full name: Andrea Coffey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are a snorkeling diving beach family and would love the young ones to be able to enjoy the ocean.

Full name: Fran Dedrick

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because more than ever we need to do everything that we can to protect this essential ecosystem.

Healthy oceans are critical to a healthy planet. I fear that if we don't act now

that we will see wide scale collapse in this precious and wonderful environment.

Our oceans aren't a commodity to exploit and destroy. They are an essential part of the earth's ecosystem that supports all life on earth and as such must be treated with respect and care.

The diversity of life in the oceans is still being explored and understood. A lot stands to be lost if protections aren't put into place.

I would feel so proud to see the Australian government ratify this treaty and stand up for our natural assets.

Our children and their children's children deserve to wonder at our amazing oceans and their incredible inhabitants. Let us be the generation that leaves a loving legacy to the future.

Full name: Jennifer Swift

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's extremely important to save all of the amazing species under the water, both for them and us. There are very important medical benefits that they are only just beginning to discover.

Full name: Zoe Vince

To the Committee Secretary,

I am a young Australian who grew up by the water. Our country's marine life and coastline are what make our nation so incredibly special. Nothing means so much as protecting the privilege that we have been given as Australians living next to the best marine reserves in the world. Please think of people like me, and our future children and consider signing this treaty. It would mean so much to young (and old) Australians who have experienced the magic of Australia's

oceans. It is also, in my mind, vital. Please be on the good side of history.

Thank you.  
Maya

Full name: Maya Skidmore

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

The ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all.

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.

The ocean must be properly protected for the sake of all life. We must ensure that sufficient ocean is protected and free from damaging practices such as resource extraction including deep sea mining.

Michelle MacEwan

Full name: Michelle MacEwan

To the Committee Secretary, the Australian Government needs to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

This is vitally important. The health of our children is closely tied to the health of our oceans.

I am an incredibly worried grandmother. So much marine life has already been lost. In Australia, we are an island country. Most of us live near the ocean - it is an integral part of our well-being and our economy.

A global ocean treaty is one step towards slowing down the devastation that our over consumption of resources within the ocean is currently causing.

Thank you for reading this and please take your duty of care to young Australians and make the right decision for their future well-being as you care for their ocean.

Sincerely Tina Gibson

Full name: Tina Gibson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because, when considered as a whole, the world's oceans are the single biggest ecosystem on our planet, and under the stewardship of humans, they have slowly become contaminated with heavy metals and organic chemicals, and filled with litter, while having had most of their life stripped from them by over-fishing.

For the sake of those who follow us, it is imperative that they be protected from the ravages of humankind, who, unless forced to stop, will, I fear, continue down this cavalier path of greed and destruction.

Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty will be a big step towards saving our oceans.

Full name: CHRIS ANDREWS

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans should be respected and protected.

Full name: Maureen Hartas

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans don't have borders and I want us to do our bit to look after this part of planet Earth.

Full name: Sidney Chambers

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all peoples of the world have a moral obligation to protect not only the rights of people but the animals that surround us. We are all hard wired to connect to nature. It is part of our make up as people. The plants and animals in the oceans need to be in balance and in sufficient numbers to avoid extinction or negative affects of overfishing or pollution.

This is my passionate plea for you to take notice and protect the oceans internationally.

Full name: Colleen O'Rourke

To the Committee Secretary.

Throughout my 56 years I have had a close connection with the marine environment. It has been a place to obtain food, observe the myriad of creatures large and small from underneath and above and never stops providing me with a sense of peace and wonder.

The reason I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty is because I have witnessed first hand the degradation of marine systems all over the world. All in my short lifetime.

On a dive in Mediterranean sea over 2 decades ago I couldn't see a fish until 30 metres. I've seen dead coral reefs and in the Maldives, Greek islands, South Pacific and in eastern Australia. Kelp forests on the Tasmanian east coast are virtually non-existent and popular fish to catch when I was a kid are extremely hard to find. I never dreamed that Flathead would become an endangered species. The list of problems goes on and on.

To make sure the next generation has the same opportunities in and on the ocean that I have had we need to turn things around quickly. A whole raft of measures are needed and the big picture stuff needs to lead the changes.

Please use your powers to help establish a Global Ocean Treaty. It's a no-brainer and essential.

Kind Regards

Mike

Full name: Michael Di Giovanni

To the Committee Secretary,

I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty, as it is integral to ensuring we can continue to live, share, and experience in this amazing earth for thousands of years to come.

The environment is incredible, and significantly and positively impacts our mental health. I strongly believe it is important to do everything we can to protect our oceans, and the rest of the environment.

This is especially important if we wish to allow our children, and our children's

children to experience the diverse and wonderful ecosystems that are both the greenery we have on land, and our oceans in years to come. A global Ocean Treaty would certainly help this to happen.

In today's world we are privileged to have access to so much modern technology that continues to develop, even as I write this. I believe we should use this technology to do what we can to live sustainably, ensuring we can use what we need from the environment, in a way which will ensure it continues to flourish, and which ensures what we need is always available for us.

Thank you for being a responsive and critically engaging government, who I know tries, and will continue to try to build a better Australia, and respond to the concerns and needs of its citizens. This is a need, not just for us, but for the whole human race, as without the environment we simply can't live.

Our oceans, and the environment also make a critical difference to climate change, and protecting them means they will continue to be able to do this, for all of us.

Thank you for considering this submission, and a global oceans treaty as we try to create a better world for all.

Full name: Darcy Bemelmans

To the Committee Secretary,

I love the ocean, from the smallest plankton to the deepest vent worm. I would like it to be protected not just for me, but for everyone. I want everyone to have the chance to know and appreciate what the ocean provides us.

The high seas are incredibly important for humanity. Not only is it where many economically important fisheries breed and reproduce, the ocean is also where 90% of our excess carbon dioxide is stored.

Currently protections are either non existent or are not enforced and this treaty offers an important step forward for increasing the level of protection.

Full name: Davina Gifford

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

The ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all. 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.

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

Marine creatures regularly travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters - they do not recognise our political boundaries.

This Treaty is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime. It can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025, to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

I care about our oceans - please prioritise this.

Thank you.

Full name: Lisa Hayes

To the Committee Secretary,

For over sixty years I have been swimming in the Pacific Ocean, mostly at Sydney's Queenscliff Beach and later in life at Mona Vale.

The ocean is a very important part of my life and I have been aware for decades how important it is that the ocean be a clean and healthy place.

Of course I know that the main aim of the Global Ocean Treaty is not to have a clean ocean for the purpose of humans to be able to swim in it, but I see the ability for tens of millions of people to enjoy swimming and surfing as an important byproduct of the treaty!

The planet's oceans are home to creatures from the minute size of plankton to the enormous size of blue whales and it is for these animals we need to keep the oceans clean and healthy. These creatures and humans are interdependent. By keeping our oceans healthy, and thereby its myriad fish etc, we will also have a continuous supply of seafood.

If we continue to pollute our oceans and extract fish from them at an



unsustainable level then these ecosystems will collapse. Human populations which rely on seafood as their main source of food will starve. This is why it is absolutely necessary for governments around the world to sign the Global Ocean Treaty.

The Australian government has the chance to protect our oceans, and thereby those whose lives literally depend on them, by signing this important treaty. Australia cannot be seen as a credible environmental protector unless the government signs the treaty. It is one of many actions the government needs to take to protect our country and our planet and it is a very significant one.

Please ensure Australia is a signatory country.

Yours optimistically,  
Margaret Vaccari

Full name: Margaret Vaccari

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect this vital resource for future generations. The creatures which inhabit it, have no voice. I am speaking for them, too. Please safeguard God's beautiful creation. In his name, Janet Donoghue.

Full name: Janet Donoghue

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is imperative that we protect this last, great wilderness. Protecting our oceans as a global community sends a strong message that we are serious about ensuring biodiversity and dealing with climate change.

Full name: Gillian Purcell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I feel in as a duty to protect and preserve our remaining nature.

Full name: Irma Riebe

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is vital for protection of species and prevention of endangered species extinction.  
It is vital for maintaining health of our oceans that support life on earth really. By degrading our oceans we would further endanger life on earth by increasing global warming. It is healthy oceans that help regulate CO 2 in the atmosphere.  
Oceans are a vital part of earth's ecosystem and need our protection

The Global Ocean Treaty is a powerful tool for protecting the seas and should be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Kind regards

Full name: Maria Jawor

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are fighting a rearguard action for the

environment on multiple fronts.

Climate change, deforestation, plastic pollution. overfishing and on and on. It is our responsibility as citizens of this world to recognise the damage we do and to prevent and where possible reverse it. The survival of countless species including our own depends on it. All current evidence indicates a frighteningly short time available to achieve the outcome we and the world need. Steps such as this to preserve what remains are crucial.

Full name: Andrew Bezzina

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are our lifeblood to the continents and if small islands like Palu can do it surely we can make our contribution

Full name: Janice Prince

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect our planet and the state our children inherit this planet from us. If we continue to destroy our oceans and neglect our responsibilities due to greed and complacency, we are guilty of murderous intent! Shame on those who are governed by making excuses not to act NOW!

Full name: Tania Hadlow

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our reefs and Ocean Life have to be kept forever there are species here in our Oceans you won't see anywhere else ...Are You willing to lose that ...think about the Earth not yourselves thank you

Full name: Jodi Phillip

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because humans have devastated the animal population on land & in the oceans.  
We need a treaty to help protect marine animals, as they can't protect themselves.  
How do you sleep at night if you don't form a global ocean treaty?  
How do you tell your grandchildren that you didn't do anything to help form a global ocean treaty?

Full name: Kim Peterson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is so important that this is made legally binding.  
The oceans need to be protected from exploitation such as deep sea mining and overfishing.

Ocean creatures are just as vulnerable to extinction as those on land, and we are obligated to protect them.

People have taken what they want from the oceans for too long with no care for their preservation, it is time for this to change.

Thank you, Bert Lawatsch

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Thank you, Karen Spinks

Full name: Karen Spinks

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are vital for the survival of the world's population! They inhabit millions of species and are crucial for the world's climate. When they "die" and that means when they keep getting hotter and hotter, we will die too. If that's not the best reason to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty what else is?

Full name: Paul Politz

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the sea has massive ecosystems put at risk, endangering coral and all manner of marine life forms. This impacts both oceanic life and the Australians that rely on the sea and its continued survival for food, work and research.

Full name: Emily Anderson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because 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 a published a 'Regulatory Impacts Statement' for consideration.

Full name: Marika Maidla

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because when there is no healthy sea there is no future!!

Full name: Jacob Brakels

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because once made legally binding in 60

countries, this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home. This protection is critical given the wild west conditions that obtain in many parts of our oceans. Legal protection is the only way to preserve some of what remains of our ocean environment.

Full name: Nicholas O'Dwyer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Ocean means life, for everything, we depend on the ocean, so please protect the ocean, without we have no future

Full name: Sandra Arapoudi

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all life on Earth is in peril, and the ocean is our life blood and the cradle of the most bio-diversity on Earth.

Full name: Jenifer Johnson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want to have a good impact on the environment.

Full name: Kim Dahlke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans have a delicate eco system that supports us, & needs to remain balanced for future generations of people to love & be conected to plant life & animals that surround & are part of us. We become sick if we make our surroundings sick & pollutanted. We can be the ultimate change in the way we live & choose to change for the good of all. Reverse damage by supporting nature & preserve our beautiful world. Greed, selfishness, shortsighted altitudes for quick money that only benefit a few is just evil.

A cleaner future for all  
Tessa Robinson

Full name: Tessa Robinson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are fundamental to the survival of all life on Earth and must be protected from the destructive influence of Human Exploitation.

Full name: Steve Overton



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the healthy of our oceans is very kritical for the healthy of the Earth

Full name: Eeva Kaila

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this treaty represents the long awaited cohesive, planetary approach to restoring the Earth's marine life and their environment, the oceans and seas. Is this our last chance? Please go ahead and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Marion Campey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because. Our nature is the most important thing we have. Without a healthy ocean we have no future ourselves!

Full name: Kristin Roman Proud

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are already dying, we need to make some serious changes if our children are going to be able to enjoy it... why does it continue when we know it's harming our planet and our future

Full name: Daniel Swab

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because life began in the ocean 4 billion years ago and it is still vital to our survival today and the future.

Full name: Sarah Tobin

To the Committee Secretary, I would really like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health of the oceans is simply too important not to be prioritised any longer, especially in the light of rising global temperatures. The governments of today must act urgently.

Full name: Julian Bradbrook

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it will be the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime. It needs to be done. Ocean health is our health and the health of all life.

Full name: Mrs Rutherford

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because conservation is needed in order to ensure the purity and safety of our planet's oceans for the future of the planet. It is senseless to allow greed to destroy this essential life force endangering all inhabitants.

Full name: Gloria St John

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it,s at least a last effort to give the oceans a chance of survival,after all the horrific damage already caused by human greed, ignorance and stupidity. And out our own survival depends on a healthy ocean and earth..why would we not sign up for this?

Full name: Lynette Freestone

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ecosystems need to be protected from pollution especially from industrial waste, overfishing, and sonar blasting. Climate change is also affecting our ocean currents leading to more frequent extreme weather events endangering more marine life especially on coral reefs. Marine tourism is also an increasing part of our economy.

Full name: Lyn Reid

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is time for Australia to show leadership on conservation of our environment.

Full name: Ross Kingsley

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because conservation concerning our Ocean is of the utmost importance.

Full name: Laurel Brown

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect our oceans with the highest forms of protection and preserve what we have. Too much damage has already been done and we must think and act now for future of generations and our own sustainability.

Full name: michelle heaven

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is so important!

Full name: Michael Merkelbach

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans are vital to our health. Our oceans require protection so they and we can thrive. Please make the most significant global ocean conservation effort off our lifetime

Full name: Wendy Kurka

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to protect all wildlife and help stop the already growing crisis in our oceans.

Full name: Makenna West

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because just as 70% of the human body is made up of water ( and we cannot survive without it), so is 70% of the earth's surface made up of water (97% of that being oceans), and our planet will not survive

without oceans thriving .

Given humans propensity to ignore the importance of healthy oceans ( including all the life it contains and supports), it does need to be protected by a global treaty. Formal mechanisms need to be put in place to ensure that human activities do not jeopardise the natural balance of life and systems within the oceans.

Full name: Lizanne Knights

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is incredibly important for sustaining the future of our oceans as well as all the food, industries and livelihood that it provides. Australia can pioneer this movement, preserving our international waters that host tremendously unique and fragile ecosystems. Leading this change will be a big win not only for the climate, our oceans, but also for the country and the ruling party.

Full name: Rashmi Malik

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are so incredibly critical to the health of our planet. You have the power to protect them for future generations, please please use it. Thank you,  
Katy McGregor

Full name: Katy McGregor

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because

- I want marine biodiversity protected
- I want marine ecosystems protected
- the more life and diversity of life we protect in the oceans, the healthier our oceans will be; healthier oceans mean cleaner food sources for humans
- I want my grandchildren to have clean food sources and to know the wonder of life in the oceans
- ocean flora and fauna are already under too much pressure from climate change, over fishing and pollution; it's therefore very important that an international effort such as The Global Ocean Treaty is ratified by the Australian government as these problems need to be addressed globally.

I am currently holidaying in far North QLD. I am amazed by the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, I want future generations to be able to marvel at the complex, clever and beautiful ecosystems. Simply put, humans need a healthy ocean. Please ratify the treaty for our wellbeing and survival!

Full name: Simone Siracusa

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are crucial for all life on our planet.  
We all need to step up and do whatever is within our ability to protect all the oceans!!

Full name: Petra Demmers

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Oceans and the fragile eco systems that live within them are important for future generations to enjoy. Tourist operators that use the ocean to educate people about its immense beauty, bring far more

to the economy that industries that seek to plunder the oceans recourse's for a short term gain. The government should be investing in environmental tourism that employs local people and encourages visitors to stay overnight or longer to enjoy the ocean and other nearby sights of natural beauty. We should also be looking at sustainable ways to great energy such as roof top solar.

Full name: Veronica Phillips

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want the ocean safeguarded in any way. And it needs to be addressed now. If the ocean dies....we die too.

Full name: Lorraine Reilly

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need all global systems to sustain life on earth. There is no question about that, and without the protection for the ocean, we can't have a healthy planet.

Full name: Miles Buchanan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because time is running out. Our oceans are



polluted, they are over fished and under threat from greedy drilling and mining companies. As an influential nation, Australia must take the lead and become a figurehead for the fight against these threats to the environment and our oceans. This is our opportunity to take action before more species of marine life from whales to coral become endangered or extinct and help to preserve the oceans and ocean life for the future.

Full name: Simon Pearce

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Ocean surrounds us all and nourishes our world, the people, the animals, fish, and the flora. They all work together and must stay healthy to keep our earth's temperature, communities and world balance in perfect harmony for us to enjoy into the future. Our oceans are our life force and their energy, beauty and power are essential to maintain and sustain all of our health and wellbeing.

As a Youth Mental health Nurse, the health and wellbeing of others and especially our young people and futures generations is vital. This is very close to my heart and besides the life force of the ocean, it also provides a meditative and uplifting place for people to heal and nourish their mental health and wellbeing, and share time, peace and joy with loved ones.

Full name: Kate Malone

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are fast approaching the time when there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans.

We need to move urgently to protect our oceans and the fish within them

Full name: Ruma Dutta

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I am very concerned about the disruption caused by the exploitation of the deep sea.

Full name: Ruud Kristelijn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to conserve the marine life as good as we can.

Without it our planet will turn into a place where humans will not survive in the end

Full name: Floor Meijboom

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean needs protecting – and we need it done now!

For too long humans have used and abused the world's oceans as if they are a infinite resource. We know that to not be true, and we can clearly see the devastation humanity is wreaking on underwater flora and fauna.

Please - on behalf of myself and all Australians - and all creatures on the planet - do all you can to make the Global Ocean Treaty legally binding.

Full name: Justine Dodd

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the 100% vulnerable oceans need protection from man. The Oceans balance the countries on the lands. As air is life to us, so is ocean, life to us. We cannot live without Oceans. I think we should highly respect the Oceans and maybe not take them for granted because when the oceans are not in balance there is catastrophe. Thank you very much.

Full name: Danielle Bennett

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have the duty to protect the ocean.

Full name: Annelies Loenhout

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because now is the time to take control of the damage humanity is doing to our world.

Important, modern countries must take the initiative to stop the damage.  
PLEASE take this important step.

Full name: Lesley Bosworth

To the Committee Secretary, I would have thought it was common sense for the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Time is no longer there to play with. Whatever decisions are made now, affect generations to come. All of our children and grand children. Be big, be bold, be good!

Full name: Lisa D Kemp

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because can be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas, but it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global oceans can be protected by 2030.

Now is not to soon - please protect

Full name: Viki Cox

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all ocean life needs protection and a safe haven so they can survive and thrive. Our oceans are part of global ecosystem, without healthy waters and a thriving mix of species, we damage the balance of all life on the planet. Lets stop the damage trajectory before it can not be undone.

Full name: Mel Gras

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the world is dependent upon all oceans being protected to

- a) keep the planet cool
- b) provide food for many people
- c) we need to protect the multiple species of animals and sea plants that do not have a vote.

Full name: Lorraine Chyne

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if we don't stand up for the earth, eventually we will have abused it to a point where there is no return.

Full name: Maxine Mitchell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are important for all humanity. We should not be plundering the oceans' resources for short-term gain or the enrichment of select nations.

Full name: Lyn Humphris

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without healthy oceans we will not survive. We cannot do this alone, but only as a worldwide movement. We cannot fail.

Full name: Annamaria Greenwood

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to perserve live for seaorganisms otherwise they will die which will have a big impact on our ecosystems en climax change

Full name: Nora neefs

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it needs to be.

Full name: craig kidney

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our planet is on the verge of death

Full name: Glenda Pickering

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because daily we hear of more environmental disasters, loss of habitat and the impacts of pollution of waterways and Oceans. Australia as a wealthy nation must stand with other Nations and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to assist in the conservation of the global Oceans

Full name: Jennifer Showers

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are precious. Let's leave them alone, they are the basis of all life on the planet.

Full name: Damian Prestidge

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans will provide a healthy home for the vast array of marine life that oceans support. Nature is entitled to survive and thrive in the aquatic habitat.

Full name: Marguerita Edwards

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because human survival is in danger if we don't protect marine life.

Full name: Rosemary Ashkenazi

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because humanity has a responsibility to all existence on Earth, and oceans are under attack from human greed. Stop it now please.

Full name: Roseann Knuth

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the science of the ocean is important to us, we do not even understand our interrelation with it yet and yet we continue to dredge it, over fish it, pollute it, and plainly abuse it.

Full name: Lisa Hansberry



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy, vibrant biodiverse oceans, free from pollutants and exploitation are crucial to our own survival, our economic well-being and the well-being of countless living beings throughout the world.

Full name: Damien Larkin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because every day our ocean is being polluted with rubbish, oil, fuels and chemical spills killing the corals, marine habitats, seagrasses and marine life, on top of this it is overfished. The Ocean at present is in a very dangerous state for the future of our Planet Earth.

Full name: Lawrie Edwards

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without it the vested interest of major companies across the world will continue to damage and erode our planet Fishing and oil industry being the main culprits

Full name: Phil Geesin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Australia needs to protect its beauty and exceptional waters - please be seen to lead the way!

Full name: Hrlen Crookes

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we only have this planet to live on with the rest of nature.

Let's not make it end badly for the future generation, it's more interesting to make this place better and look towards a positive future, instead than a bleak one.

Sincerely  
Cate

Full name: cate tono

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because 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.

I would like to see you:

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.

Warm regards

Full name: Kristina Aitchison

To the Committee Secretary, Ocean health is vital for the future security of both our environment and human health. Without a Global Ocean treaty the tragedy of the commons will continue until there's nothing left. Accordingly, I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Regards  
Steven Ryan

Full name: Steven Ryan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is not okay to destroy the oceans! We only have ONE earth, so we should SAVE it!

Full name: Hanna Cuno

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans and the beautiful animals that live in it deserve to have a clean safe home to protect them and future generations

It's our responsibility to be conscious of our Oceans always.

Full name: Louise Buhler

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are under such myriad threats - climate change bringing acidification and heating - there's overfishing and by-catch losses affecting biodiversity, noise pollution and the threat of mineral exploitation disrupting the aqueous ecosystems further

Full name: K Kramer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if not more damage to the seas and the beautiful sea life will occur!

Full name: Pauline Roffel

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's important to Me, my Family, Australia,

and the World. Thank you. Sincerely yours, Jon Pedersen. (B.Sc. Sydney University)

Full name: Jon Pedersen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is so important, you have to do all what is possible to do. We have to look after our Oceans and we want you to do what is possible to do so

Full name: Jeanette Watson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because in my lifetime living in the Whitsundays, Queensland I've observed a very significant degradation of the coastal ocean environment. I used to see all the time large flocks of seabirds diving on large bait balls with the sea boiling with large fish such as mackerel & tuna leaping & feeding on the bait ball at the same time. I no longer see this - either the birds are gone, or the bait balls are dramatically reduced. The water visibility has very dramatically deteriorated. The once vibrant coral and fish life around the coastal islands is very dramatically diminished. Plastic waste is everywhere you look on exposed beaches and shorelines including the remoter places. The turtles, dugongs, manta rays, whale sharks and whales are under pressure and constant threat from increasing numbers of faster leisure craft - they don't have a chance to get out of the way. I've seen all this change with my own eyes. Please don't continue to turn a blind eye to this. It's serious and requires courageous steps to reverse these impacts on our precious environment. There is no time to waste.

Full name: Terry Donnan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protecting our oceans is protecting our children.

Full name: Saj Khan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if we destroy the oceans we ultimately destroy ourselves. All life is connected.

Full name: Linda Whitehouse

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Oceans are the lifeblood of the world.

Full name: Karin Goodman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without active efforts the damage to the

oceans and the planet will be ongoing until humanity kills itself and all other living creatures.

Full name: Kate Livett

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because:

1. 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.

2. 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.

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

Sincerely

Rowena Lindquist

Full name: Rowena Lindquist

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because clean oceans are essential for the survival of all species with the possible exception of cockroaches. Leave them alone! Absolutely NO ocean mining. Humans have done enough damage to our planet.

Full name: Sandra Warner

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean has such an impact on the whole world - if the ocean degrades environmentally it is likely to damage all life on earth, then everyone would suffer.

For Australia, surrounded by some of the world's purest oceans, a degrade ocean would harm Australia. COME ON AUSSIE - SHOW SOME GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.

Full name: Paul Cayford

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans and the diverse life in them are important to our survival.

Full name: Jane Rialp

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are the source of all life on our planet.

Destroy or overtly tamper with the oceans and harvest or mine the seafloor will end us.

What is already happening with our oceans in terms of so called resources from fossil fuels to sealife is an outrage.

Please act with foresight, grace and an educated overview when it comes to our impact on our oceans as a nation, from now and forever more.

Maybe we're not too late IF the right thing is done and that is to ratify this Treaty.

We are all surfers and sailors in my family and we are very scared.

Sincere thanks.



Full name: Christian Kirkwood

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the planet should be kept clean and healthy for my children, and grandchildren, and their offspring. It's time to ensure a clean and protected sea and planet.

Full name: Jo Leunh

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans need to be protected from over fishing so we don't find that we're in the same situation as what's being experienced in the Northern oceans, where over fishing has depleted fish stock causing marine life to suffer! We have an opportunity and obligation to protect our ocean from a similar fate thereby ensuring future generations can enjoy sustainable fishing and protect all marine life.

Full name: Pauline Mansfield

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's insanity to alter the environment of the ocean when plunging into an unknown global climate crisis.

Full name: Graeme Starkie

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are being fished out and we need to manage that situation otherwise we will lose our precious marine life also we should block seismic blasting and oil exploration of our precious oceans. We need to be better stewards of the oceans we are lucky enough to live surrounded by. After your wonderful stance to have a marine sanctuary in MacQuarie and Heard islands wouldn't it be wonderful to complete the job and protect our oceans completely

Full name: Troy Swan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the human race has come through its time of ignorant destruction and it is now time to consciously care for ourselves and the planet

Full name: Lawrence George

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the very survival of precious species and habitat are at great risk.

The oceans ecosystem relies on the diversity of species to maintain populations and the purity of the water.

There is enough risk for this system just from climate change. Human interference, over fishing and contaminated vessels and debris must not be added to the dangerous mix..

Full name: Jenn Price

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is now or never!!!

Roelien Nalis

Full name: Roelien Nalis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans are our past and our future. We can't live without them and we need to start taking better care of them.

Full name: Gonzalo H

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because, please for the sake of all life on this plant and the future longevity of humankind.

Full name: Steven Archer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because its the right thing to do, for ocean life, for people and for the planet.

Full name: Karen Southgate

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are being depleted of marine life by greedy and short-sighted governments and fish stocks being fished to extinction with illegals fishing other waters and not enough deterrents. Responsible nations need to stand together to prevent this. Please join the treaty with other far sighted countries.

Full name: Anne Fedoson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because time is running out, humans have done extensive damage to oceans this must stop, we share our world with many species who deserve to live in peace and be respected, Humans cannot continue to treat the oceans as if we are the only ones on this planet.  
NATURE IS IN CRISIS AND IT IS OUR FAULT.

Full name: Angela Shearing

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we all have a duty to protect and cherish our precious World, oceans and land. To have an empty barren World created through power and greed is no longer acceptable. We have forgotten that we are Guardians with the knowledge and wisdom to make a loving thriving planet!!!

Full name: Owen Marston

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Oceans are the cradle of life and the source of life for the planet. Oceans should not be used as a cheap garbage dump for short term monetary gain or out of pure laziness.  
I will vote with my feet for people and parties who share this belief.

Full name: Robert Chambers

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need ocean health and biodiversity to survive, but future generations also deserve a clean, beautiful ocean full of diverse wildlife.

Full name: Elizabeth Mandeno

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans and the animals that have a birthright to live there matter.

Full name: Benjamin Compton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the world needs such measures and Australia should be at the forefront of efforts to implement them.

Full name: Martin Thrower

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are the life and blood of the Earth.

Full name: Eva Vroom

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is the right thing to do because the protections that we have now are not effective enough.  
Kind regards,

Jaime Reed [REDACTED].

Full name: Jaime Reed

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is one of the biggest global conservation efforts in history.

Full name: jeremy forkgen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to do things now we cannot wait any longer as it will be to late

Full name: Jim Rae

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a necessary step in protecting our oceans and its ecosystems.

Full name: Jon Temby

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a resource which is over exploited as it is and so it should be protected well before "we" find out it is too late to rectify the problems we will certainly generate if we don't protect it.

Full name: Peter Pegler

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans need our protection.

Full name: Marie Aaltonen

To the Committee Secretary,

I'd like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. As you know, it is an important international conservation agreement which focuses on conserving marine life in international waters. This is so important because many species are migratory and with all the will in the world, unless we protect large areas of international waters, these species will have reduced feeding



grounds and edge closer to extinction. As well as ratifying the Treaty, Australia should promote a marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the South Tasman Sea region and Lord Howe Rise.

thank you

Full name: Anne (Biddy) Myres

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ocean life is vital to both nature and human beings. We should try to protect it after having abused it for such a long time.

Full name: Kitty Notenboom

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy surviving oceans are important so both ocean creatures and people live in a healthy environment. It is also important we pass healthy oceans onto future generations.

Full name: Alex Peden

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

The oceans support all life on Earth. They keep our planet habitable, regulate our climate, provide food and livelihoods for billions of people and are home to unique, loved and undiscovered natural beauty.

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.

The marine environment, like all natural environments, needs to be respected and preserved.

It is important to prioritise ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty.

Your Faithfully

David McLaughlin

Full name: David McLaughlin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we desperately need to protect our oceans

Full name: Marina Jirotko

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the next generations should not pay for our indifference and greed

Full name: Paul Schulze

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because 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.

Full name: Heidi Hoek

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Ocean protection affects all of us. It effects the climate crisis, food security, and more.

I have seen the sad changes to our beautiful planet over the last 50 years. It is alarming and heartbreaking to say the least. We need to give the marine environment proper conservation and protection, not just lip in effective lip-service that can be easily undermined by corporations and fossil fuel exploitations.

Please be a long term planner for laws that will keep the planet healthy and sustained for the future. Our children deserve the best we can give them, not what's left over after reckless practices have devastated our natural world.

Plan for the future and leave a well and thriving planet for the next generations.

Best regards,  
Liana Piccoli

Full name: Liana Piccoli

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we can't exist without a thriving ocean and it is under considerable threat. I live by the ocean and see first hand the pollution and degradation. I want my grandchildren and generations to come to enjoy this wonderful lifestyle.

Full name: Sarah Taylor

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans must be protected to ensure our own survival. I regularly swim in the ocean and notice that there is more rubbish / pollution developing each year. We must do something to stop this urgently.

Full name: Phillip Treloar

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because what is Australia without natural beauty?

What is the world without Oceans that thrive?

You must take action.

Full name: Declan Reynolds

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect what we have left. The oceans need to remain resilient against the impacts of climate change for the health of us all.

Full name: Nicole Thomas

To the Committee Secretary,  
I urge the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to recommend to government that Australia should ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. This is not a partisan or political issue but is a very substantial one that affects every one, worldwide and all the marine biodiversity that depends on the protection of the oceans. Currently that level of protection applies to a miniscule portion of the world's oceans and all marine life is increasingly threatened by pollution, over-fishing, intrusive and damaging littoral development, and the warming of the oceans due to climate change – all the result of exploitative human activity. Much damage has been done; and it has to stop, or present and future generations will increasingly regret the consequences of inaction by governments. It is essential that internationally agreed protection measures are implemented urgently to avoid further damage to the oceans and the life in the oceans before further depletions and extinctions occur. Australia has a major responsibility in the protection of the oceans by virtue of its geographic location and the extent of the species that live in, or migrate through, the seas and oceans of this area. I urge the government to ratify the Treaty without delay, and before the next federal election, and to 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.

Full name: Doug Coates

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have an island home and need to step up as global leaders to protect the oceans so that future generations can enjoy them as we do now.

I believe it is important that the Treaty be ratified as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

Further, we should 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: M Vanderhave

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Oceans are the base for our living. Destroying it will destroy human existence

Full name: Monika Gutte

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is so important to ensure as much of the ocean as possible can protect its sea life. We are facing a climate change that can endanger many species, so the more sea creatures are protected the better. Sanctuaries enable fish to get older, bigger and create more eggs, which is a positive for everyone.

I live by the ocean and enjoy it for swimming, sailing, snorkelling and kayaking. It is seeing the sea creatures one encounters that makes such experiences truly rewarding.

Please sign the Great Ocean Treaty and help preserve the wonder of Earth, its oceans.

Full name: Pepi McIntosh

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have made such a mess of landmass [pollution and impact on nature] that if we do the same in the ocean then we will perish. Sea creatures and their habitat deserve the best care we can provide as the ocean controls the planet so deserves the best we can provide in care and preservation

Full name: Elizabeth Goodwin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have a unique and urgent opportunity to protect a significant portion of our oceans. The damage currently being done just isn't sustainable. Please be brave and bold as our government and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty and protect this vast natural resource we all rely on. Thank you.

Full name: Bonnie Redman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we urgently need living ecosystems to survive. The climate crisis will challenge our societies a lot. We need to restore life in the oceans.

Full name: Pia Björstrand

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because my wife and I swim at Bondi 6 mornings a week and we want it to remain pristine for those who follow us

Full name: Peter Rose

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because as lawmakers who carry the heavy responsibility of providing future generations planetary conditions will live with the legacy of their decision and the impact it has

Full name: John Blake

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because, as a wealthy, developed nation, we should be setting an example. We are an island nation whose economy and way of life depend strongly on a thriving, healthy ocean. Our coastal areas feature heavily in our tourism advertising to guests from overseas. Ratifying the treaty is the least we could do to protect this resource for future generations.

Full name: James Dowling



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are the supporting organs of our earth. We can no afford to rape, pillage and plunder our waters, or to allow China to do that. We have to protect our oceans and all that lives in them

Full name: Duncan Fairbairn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ocean protection affects all of us. We need healthy thriving oceans to support all sea life, from krill to whales. It is important that diversity is there to keep the balance. Oceans are important to all life, not just sea-life. Please think carefully of our future and the future of generations to come.

Yours sincerely,  
Gill Seels (Mrs)

An ocean loving Brit who cares about the entire World and who loves Australia!

Full name: Gill Seels

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are at risk because of climate change and pollution from agricultural run off and illegal rubbish dumping. We need more teeth in our laws!

Full name: Ross Maher

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want to see Governments protect global oceans, biodiversity, flora and fauna

Full name: Deborah Moran

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if we don't do it now it will be too late

Full name: Glenys Medley

To the Committee Secretary,

The Australian Government should urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because at the moment the job is only half done.

Australia officially signed the Global Ocean Treaty in September last year, but ratifying it makes it binding on Australia. We need to show we are genuinely committed, but ratifying the Treaty.

The global oceans are vital for the continuing liveability of planet earth, but they are threatened by all sorts of environmental problems, including rising temperatures, increased acidification, depletion of fisheries, plastic contamination, oil spills and so on.

This Treaty is an essential tool to make the global ambition to protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 a reality. It will not enter into force until 60 governments have ratified it. Australia should aspire to share the honour of

being one of those first 60 governments.

Full name: Philip White

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the sea is too important to mess with. Do it for the planet and do it for humanity.

Full name: Chervase Van Leeuwen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without the oceans there is no future.

Full name: jokum jensen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans should be conserved as the common heritage of humankind. At this critical stage it is fundamentally important to attempt to create shared political commitments by states for the ocean's longevity.

Full name: Shannon Brincat

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is to be treasured for future years to come.

Full name: Diana Hand

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want a future on this planet!

Full name: Bev Anderson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protection of the oceans is critical for future generations of Australians and the greatest legacy your government can leave is a strong commitment to protecting the environment. Thanks & Regards  
Kevin Ingram

Full name: Kevin Ingram

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is unmeasurably important.... just so crucial, for not only the health of the oceans and seas, but for the very planet itself. The waters are currently absorbing so much co2 and do not need any more damage and stresses. Protected areas will make it easier to clean up debris, be vital fish breeding grounds, ensure fishing has no go areas, as well as giving a chance for sea creatures to flourish.

Australia must set a strong protection example to other countries and, being an island nation, the high seas surround us and are, indeed, our closest "neighbours".

In memory of the efforts of the late former Prime Minister Bob Hawke to protect more of the Antarctic Waters, we owe it to his memory to support and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Geraldine Ryan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must save our Oceans.

More work needs to be done to save our incredible sea creatures, prevent over fishing and get our oceans free of dangerous nets and plastics.

Full name: Margaret Walshaw

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because, on moral grounds as well as environmental we must stop the degradation of habitat and the continued extinction of species

Full name: George Ronald Fraser

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because...

Our oceans have a major impact on our weather and the health of our planet,. We must remember that our world is Unique as a living Entity and keep it in good Health , not give it a Cancer that will cause great sickness to it and every living species including US

Carmel

Full name: Carmel Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we desperately need clean, healthy water to support life on the planet

Full name: Andrew Thurgood

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's really important and the chance for our Australian Government to have significance in this global ocean conservation Treaty. Thank you.

Full name: Louise-Anne Lamont

To the Committee Secretary,

I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it will help safeguard the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains!

We must have strong ocean protection around the world.

Thank you very much for ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Charles Brexel Sr.

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because a healthy ocean is our lifeline and the ocean is in a critical state with diminishing fish supplies, overly warm temperatures with dying coral reefs and critical levels of CO2 saturation. It needs plarge areas of protected spaces to recuperate. Please treat ratifying the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

And ensure that a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand be established to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region. Labor must take environmental issues much more seriously and try to stand apart from the Liberals in this regard. I'm afraid it doesn't do this currently.

Full name: Christine Oberstebrink

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this needs to happen before the next federal election:

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

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.

Wendy Wait

Full name: Wendy Wait

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Australia is and must be one of the leading contributor countries to the amelioration of the world's environment - if Australia does not lead, given its youth, size and geographical location on the surface of the planet, then we can say goodbye to people's hopes for a better, cleaner future, protecting the biodiversity of our watery planet. We have more power than we realise, let it be said !

Full name: William Stephens

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because a healthy ocean is vital to the planet and the survival of all species!

Full name: Jacqueline McLeod



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect the ocean and the animals that live there. Healthy oceans are better for us and our world.

Full name: Jane Matthews-Bede

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is imperative for the health of our planet and the protection of marine species.

Full name: Christine Elizabeth fraser

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's an urgent need. What millions of people across the globe is using for their daily livelihood, MUST be protected at no cost. Moreover, the amount of pollution that's happening to the ocean waters, as dignified humans, it's our onerous to act consciously.

Full name: Ahsa Sathyavan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because there are a lot of crooks vagabonds and pirates out there in the oceans all doing all they can to rape and pillage and trash the oceans for their own short term greed. Major Countries and Govt are also part of these criminals as we all know with their raids on restricted areas and ocean rights belonging to other countries. The World needs strong laws to catch, shame and convict these environmental criminals. These laws are desperately needed because:

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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.

Full name: Richard Dudley-Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are fast losing a safe future for us and future generations

Full name: liz bodey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Once made legally binding in 60 countries, this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains!

It's only 30% but at least it's a beginning. Please lead our world in the right direction. Our children and grandchildren will need to know we did everything we could to protect their world while we had the chance.

Please save these irreplaceable beings and the ecosystem that supports us all life on our planet while there is still time.

Only you can do this

Thank you

Yours in gratitude forever

Ally, her family and life on Earth

Full name: Allison Gerrish

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have so many threatened species, overfishing, illegal fishing, pollution some of the many reasons we should be protecting our precious oceans.

We must protect and create sanctuaries for the marine life, spaces where they can recover before we destroy this unique marine system.

Full name: Vicki Goulding

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I care about the future of our oceans and our children's children living in a sustainable world

Full name: Kathy Davis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are the most vital resource we have. They are critical to our environment, our health & well being and our future on this planet. We desperately need to protect the health of our oceans and to keep them from being degraded and polluted. As a nation surrounded by water we need to be leading the way internationally in protecting the ocean ecosystems and all marine life.

Full name: Evie Leslie

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is vital that we have healthy, thriving oceans from which we all benefit. They must be protected well into the future, for the good of our environment.

Full name: Stephen Spencer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this poor planet is in deep trouble. We need and expect our leaders on the international stage to act swiftly and decisively to protect the living world. This treaty is an opportunity to afford the planet's oceans a modicum of respite from our insults. We have so little time left to redress our wrongs.

Full name: Suzy Manigian

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have done enough damage to the land (Terra firma) let's protect the oceans and the animals that rely on it for survival.

Full name: Emlyn Jones

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean needs protection!

Full name: Anna Matos Melgaco

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we're rapidly running out of time. It may already be too late. This is the most vital job of all governments now.

Full name: Joan Ruggiero

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need the ocean for our own survival!

Full name: Irie Meree

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our marine life and also our fish populations at a sustainable level. Countries with no ethics are fishing our oceans to extinction and preying on areas that are not there's. Only united can the responsible minded governments stand against them. Please become part of this.

Full name: Anne Fedoson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our planet is made up by seventy percent of oceans, which need to be looked after for the future health of our planet. Warming oceans through climate change are affecting the weather in so many ways and making life unsustainable going forward. Please ratify this agreement, before it is too late.

Full name: William Quin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans and sustainable practices are vital to all life on the planet

Full name: Bruce Thomson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans need to be kept clean, safe, and habitable. There are innocent lives in the sea and they deserve to have a home and a good life.

Full name: Joshua Cavanough

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because nothing is more important than protecting our oceans. They are a huge part of this ecosystem and if we don't protect them, it will rapidly affect them and the effects of climate change. We have to do all that we can to keep them intact for future generations. It is something I deeply care about and want to see reflected on a governmental level. Thank you for your consideration, it would be hugely appreciated if you vote for the global ocean treaty.

Ina

Full name: Ina Kuehfuss

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health of life on the planet depends on the health of the life in our oceans.

Much of the oxygen we rely on comes from the plankton and millions depend on the ocean for their living. It's up to us to preserve this habitat and its creatures for generations to come.

It is a matter of the utmost importance to lock in the protection of the ocean for now and for the future.

Full name: Anne Kennedy

To the Committee Secretary,

There is no better time for the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty than now.

The ocean is in crisis and urgently requires protection. Your role as the Committee Secretary is crucial in this decision, as marine animals and ecosystems are suffering from pollution, undersea mining, overfishing, and more.

We want the living ocean to strive for eternity. This will be a legacy our generation provides for future generations.

Please do it right and ratify the Global Ocean treaty NOW!

Thank you.

Full name: Fran Miller

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because every other breath we take is because of our oceans.

It is imperative that we make an effort to conserve marine species, decrease industrial fishing, ensure that our oceans do not have additional plastic,



industrial fishing lines choking the life from marine habitants.

All marine life plays a part in ensuring our oceans are living, functional and healthy. We cannot continue to overfish, or add more pollutants to an environment that is allowing humans as a species to survive on this planet.

Thank you for enforcing this treaty to save our ocenas.

Full name: Carol Drew

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because there is no life possible without the ocean.

Full name: Raimond Ter Haar

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans of the world affect us all, from birdlife, fish, corals to humans. Save our oceans before its too late. Something has to be kept for future generations.

Full name: Sandy Hawes

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect marine life for future generations.

Thank you

Regards

Jane

Full name: Jane Dempster

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because a healthy ocean is important to all of humanity wherever we live. Also of utmost importance is a high sea marine sanctuary between Australia & New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Island Rise & South Tasman Sea region.

Thank You.

Full name: Duncan Matthews

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are vital to the health of the planet.....there is such untapped knowledge and benefit within.

The oceans and all their creatures have a lot to teach us and we are their custodians and responsible for their health.

Full name: Chris Jolly

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because as a diver and snorkeler, I know firsthand how important biodiversity is, in our oceans and how critical they are to the planet's ecology as a whole.

In and off themselves, every form of life in the oceans has a right to survival. The oceans are not ours to just endlessly exploit, industrially fish, and despoil with our plastic waste and fossil fuel byproducts. If we do not save the oceans critical habitats, they will be gone within another generation. The oceans serve as carbon sinks, their currents help regulate our weather, and the creatures within if managed sustainably, could continue to provide food for millions of marginalised communities world wide.

Oceans are critical for the climate, and for sustaining life for all humans beings. If we do not act now to save them, we endanger our own future. Short term profits should not prevail over protecting something so integral to life on earth.....the oceans ARE NOT an infinite resource.

We as a species have done the damage to our oceans, so we as a species should collectively come together to mitigate it, and hopefully protect what is left.

Your sincerely  
Raewyn Benten

Full name: Raewyn Benten

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025. And champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand.

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

Half of my family relocated to Exmouth WA two decades ago and took on active roles to protect Ningaloo, as well as the majestic ocean creatures that migrate there each year.

Australia must be one of at least 60 countries to bring this into law. I respectfully implore you to consider my urgent request. With gratitude and thanks.

Full name: Kriss Feutrill

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are in desperate need of protection! Oceans are being destroyed for profit and it has to stop!

Full name: Valerie Boshier

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this will be a significant step forward to providing a future for all Ocean life forms, and for humanity who relies on them as a source of life.

Full name: Bernard McKenna

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I love and value the incredible wonder of nature.

Full name: Jade Hibberd

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are the lifeblood of our planet. We have decimated them over the years with our plastic and other destructive stuff. They must be protected from further harm and abuse.

Full name: judy parkinson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans are vital to for the sustenance of all life on our planet. It is absolutely vital that we protect and care for the world's oceans. Please act swiftly and decisively to restore our sadly abused oceans.

Full name: Colin Hallas

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect the oceans for the health of our planet. So much damage has already been done to our natural environment. Our children's health depends on healthy oceans.

Full name: Patricia Brosnan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want future generations to be able to enjoy the wonders of our oceans. In my children's lifetime, coral bleaching due to climate change is already damaging the Great Barrier Reef, where our family once enjoyed snorkelling in a rich marine environment. Other threats to marine environments worldwide include pollution and industrial over-fishing. We must protect our vulnerable marine ecosystems and the wonderful life within them.

Full name: Jane Leitinger

To the Committee Secretary,  
I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are a haven for biodiversity and a precious resource on which the health of the planet and humanity's future depends. As a wealthy and developed nation which is surrounded by oceans, Australia can and should play a leading role in helping to protect the earth's oceans.

Full name: Caroline Jones

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it would be criminal not to. It's urgent: The religion of growth will kill us all.

Full name: David Every

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all life on this planet is connected and water has to be protected from pollution and financial interests. It's already later than it should have been to protect ocean life but anything is better than this self destructive inaction we see amongst law makers. I have grandchildren and it's important to me for them and everyone's grandchildren to have a planet to live on.

Thank you.

Full name: Catherine Alexopoulou

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this Treaty is vital to help protect our threatened global environment, and is an opportunity for the Australian Government to improve its' tarnished reputation on global protection

Full name: ron renton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I don't want to watch as the beautiful ocean world shrivels and dies. I want my children and their children and their children to be able to see what I have seen in the oceans. Fish and all living creatures are so beautiful.

Remember the beauty and the wonder as you vote. Remember the generations to come as you vote.

Bronwyn Tarlton.

Full name: Bronwyn Tarlton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want to see the current Australian government go down in history as taking a strong and decisive step to preserve this precious environment for all time.

Full name: Peter Arvier

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because as it's the logical thing to do. Humans are destroying too many natural environments. Time to step up and start protecting more than destroying.

Full name: Troy Harrington

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this will help to protect the ecosystem of our oceans

Full name: Wendy Andre



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have seen the effect of our ravages inflicted on land and in the air, but it is happening mostly unseen in our oceans. Our whole world is in free fall.

Full name: Diane Cowburn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our marine species from over exploitation, over fishing and extinction. By creating marine sanctuaries that protect 30% of the ocean, that will provide sustainable fishing for 70% of the seafood catch in the world.

Full name: Justin Conte

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is an important step that the world must take to preserve the world's marine species, under the multiple threats of overfishing, pollution and climate change. Australia, with its vast expanses of territorial waters and its unique marine life must be a leader and not a laggard on this issue.

Full name: Peter Strazdins

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans sustain a healthy planet.

Yours sincerely  
John  
Reid

Full name: John Reid

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all Marine animals are at risk in this day and age with Climate Change crises effecting all life but Marine life in this case. So please do the right thing by protecting the oceans for posterity. Thanking you. Jarvis and Family

Full name: mira jarvis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because co-ordinated action is urgently needed to maintain a healthy biosphere.

Full name: Robert Ferguson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans are out last frontier to protect.

Full name: Susan Teal

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must be as one to protect and preserve the oceans. All life on this planet relies on healthy, thriving oceans and governments must not jeopardise the health of our oceans;not for any reason.

Full name: Karen Bourke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans & planet are dying, & ANYTHING that can be done to help, needs to be done NOW.

Full name: Julie Harris

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to legally protect all marine species from exploitation by commercial interests.

Full name: Sue Adams

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because there human beings have decimated global fish stocks as they have terrestrial species

Enough is enough! We must do all we can to save what's left

With appreciation

Richard Thomas

Full name: Richard Thomas

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are precious as is the wildlife that inhabitants them.

Full name: Davina Lohm

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the time is rapidly diminishing to save what's left of our natural biodiversity on land and in the oceans. For gods sake act.

Full name: Tony Garrick

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are possibly the most important part of planet earth. They make up most of it, contribute most of our oxygen, affect global weather patterns and temperatures, and are largely overlooked. A treaty! I'm really excited!!

Full name: Karlee Calderwood

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the world today needs us to provide for humanities future.

Full name: Michelle Stathakis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because to protect the oceans - a bigger area than the land on Earth.

Full name: Kristin Wohlers

To the Committee Secretary,

My name is Roslyn, and I live in Newcastle NSW. I love the ocean and swim regularly year round. I appreciate it for many reasons, not just its beauty. I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty so that more of the world's oceans are properly protected. The health of our planet depends significantly on a healthy ocean.

This Treaty is one of the biggest global conservation efforts in history.

Once made legally binding in 60 countries, this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains!

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty! For us, for our children and grandchildren!

Full name: Roslyn Hancock

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our oceans and their creatures while there is still time to save some. I don't want to live in a world with a dead and dying ocean.

Full name: Sam Brown

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because at this point in history we (humanity) are aware that the ocean and the planet(our home) is a living finite entity which we are severely impacting every day.

Putting limits on areas that can be exploited to help protect nature also helps the possibility of a healthy future for our children .

Full name: John Elliott

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home. Protecting our oceans is essential for the future in many ways. We need the oceans to be healthy functioning ecosystems to help mitigate against climate change

The ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all. Like many people I care deeply about the health of our oceans and feel that the threats to the ocean are becoming worse and worse with industrial overfishing, pollution and climate change all placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters.

International waters cover a vast area and are insufficiently protected putting at risk whole ecosystems including marine creatures which migrate through these areas to feeding and breeding grounds.

Not only would I like you to prioritise ratification of the Treaty before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025 but I would also like you to create a marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity found there.

Full name: Gail Aiken

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is such a significant and vital imperative for humanity in an era of rapidly advancing global warming. We must do all we can to keep our oceans healthy and thriving, because our survival depends on this.

Full name: Judith Pemell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it will effect each one of us including me and i care of the air i bteath the water i swim in i care about nature

Full name: zohar abraham

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I understand it is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime and we need to protect our oceans all all who live in them.

Full name: Theresa Cromb

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to truly be the protectors and caretakes of our oceans

Full name: Sharyn Pringle



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Our oceans are already under threat with climate change and overfishing. Ratification of this treaty will be a small but important step to help preserve our oceans.

Full name: Mark Crittenden

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are far too important to allow any unnecessary action take place. Taking a stand on the health of our waters makes the world we live in thrive.

Full name: Calyssa Durham

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I believe we NEED to !  
We need to stop big businesses from doing whatever they like in/ to the oceans in their greedy quest to make as much money as possible.  
It is concerning that no one seems to listen to the concerns of the scientists that we sponsor. The human race despite its progress does not fully understand the damage a that it wreaks on our oceanic eco systems. Why ?  
Please sign this treaty before it's too late .  
Sincerely  
Tracy Watt

Full name: Tracy Watt

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are one of the most undervalued ecosystems on the planet and yet essential to the health of us all. Please be part of the movement in the direction of protecting the earth.

Full name: Ella Wood

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need the oceans for all life on earth

Full name: David Woodward

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Whilst the oceans seem to be an infinite resource they are not. They are under escalating stress from many angles. There are military, industrial, chemical, technological, commercial, recreational and disaster structural and pollution impacts that are not globally regulated nor cumulatively monitored. There is also still much illegal and over-fishing in places affecting fragile habitat, species health and sustainability etc. When I walk or swim in the ocean I am aware that the water molecules that touch me are the same that circulate the planet touching every other continent. This is very humbling. The oceans provide living biosphere for all marine life, sustenance and occupation for much human life, and the greatest carbon sink in the form of plankton life. I urge all Australians to accept and respect that everything possible must be done to monitor and assess global ocean conditions and systems health as well as human use and impact so that negative impacts can be removed or mitigated for the benefit of all and in perpetuity. Yours sincerely, Anita Kelly

Full name: Anita Kelly

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all. Australia has renown in the world to have a unique marine environment and I'm urging you to show real global leadership on ocean protection.

Kind regards,  
Lucia

Full name: Lucia Masciullo

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our lives depend on the ocean. It's not just fish and people's livelihoods. The ocean is absorbing massive amounts of global warming. We've stuffed all the land up! We desperately need the buffer that the ocean provides. It postpones the inevitable catastrophe that comes from NeoLiberal greed and the ridiculous notion of continuous growth economically. That's the best we can hope for. Ratify the Global Ocean Treaty - it's a no-brainer.

Yours sincerely,  
Penny Hanley.

Full name: Penelope Hanley

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's about time Australia stepped up and started thinking long term about the environment, rather than about short term corporate politics.

Do the right thing, this is the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime. Ocean protection affects all of us and the time for action is here, right now.

Make us proud, make it happen.

Yours sincerely (and hopefully),

Mike Hamilton

Full name: Mike Hamilton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty, as the future of humanity depends on the viability of our oceans. Oceans produce oxygen and help thermoregulate our climate, as well as providing life and livelihood to countless coastal communities. Ratifying the treaty would mean protecting one of our most valuable resources, shared by all living things on Earth.

Full name: Hannah Zilke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health of our oceans directly affects the health of the planet. Marine biodiversity is under threat and that must be preserved by treaties such as this one.

Full name: Amanda Choy

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the whole planet relies on the oceans life cycle balance on land & sea !

Full name: Adrian Wightwick

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is absolutely necessary that all nations be on the same page in this treaty to preserve and conserve our valuable oceans and its inhabitants. Before it is too late. Once gone these glorious creatures are gone and they too deserve to live their lives.

Full name: Anne Harvey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it has never been more important to act to preserve the beauty and diversity of this planet. They cannot send a comment you so this is on their behalf. Thank you

Full name: Susan Jeffrey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it directly affects our living quality and I don't want to compromise on that.

Full name: Linda Sorg

To the Committee Secretary, It is vital to the survival of this plant that the Australian Government urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty - Without health, balanced oceans the planet and all species will fail to survive.

We need to leave this legacy for all future generations.

Full name: brenda tanner

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect oceans for the life that's in them and for life in the world.

Full name: Adrian Rigg

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because its crucial for the health of our planet that the oceans are protected.

Full name: Helen Parker

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because as one who lives in a coastal city I am acutely aware of the importance of looking after our oceans. Waste such as plastics ending up in our oceans are devastating marine life. Proposed seismic blasting in search of gas fields should not be carried out because of its threat to marine species. It is also imperative that we cease seeking new gas fields anywhere!

Full name: John MacInnes

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our health depends on regenerating planetary ecosystems.

Full name: Nicole Sleeman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans mean a healthy planet.

Full name: Michelle Brown

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are surrounded by a vast amount of ocean that we must share in a protective and conservative manner with other countries in our area and around the world.

Full name: Lou Flower

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean is such an important ecosystem in relation to the health of the earth. It needs protection because it is under threat from industrial over fishing, under sea mining, pollution and climate change. This is putting stress on key feeding and breeding grounds of many species. These are areas which need immediate protection.

Full name: Neil Rasmussen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's nearly too late. So many humans and greed driving the utter Annihilation of the oceans for profit and profit alone.

Full name: Michael Bremer



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without protection, our Oceans will keep deteriorating to a point that they are beyond protecting.

Full name: John Moss

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because right now a large percentage of the Great Barrier Reef is already dead. There is no time to waste, we have to start now acting with responsibility. Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is one of the many steps needed.

Full name: Monica Souza

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans are the life blood of our planet and are threatened from multiple front. Plastic and other pollution, increasing CO2 levels and global warming, and over use of the oceans resources. OUR future as a race depends on our oceans health. PLEASE sign the Global Ocean Treaty. Your children and grandchildren's welfare depends on it

Full name: Ruth Norris

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect and restore our precious natural resources.

Full name: Linda Fischer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are already seeing the horrific effects of environment destruction. We have to stop it and act with responsibility. Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is one of the many steps needed.

Full name: Marco Souza

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our oceans and marine life and it is the obvious and correct thing to do.

Full name: Helen Slater

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are so important, full of resources, full of important information, necessary for our survival.

Full name: Debbie Burnup

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protecting our oceans means protecting ourselves as we are all interconnected. If the oceans are healthy we will suffer too.

Full name: Kylie Stryder

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our oceans before it is too late and there is nothing left.

Full name: Anne-Marie Barker

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to align with our neighbours and save our oceans.

Do the right thing please.

Full name: Brett Mitchll

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are in critical need of protection, and this treaty represents the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime.

After years of campaigning, the first-ever Global Ocean Treaty was approved. However, it now requires governments to bring it into law to make protected areas a reality at sea. Time is running out, and reaching this target will require a strong and urgent political response. Right now, the Australian Government's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties must please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty .

The ocean is essential to all life on earth and belongs to us all. International waters cover two-thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected. To reach the goal of protecting 30% of the global ocean by 2030, world leaders must protect more than 11 million km<sup>2</sup> of ocean every year. Every day, the threats to the ocean worsen, with industrial overfishing, pollution, and climate change placing increasing pressure on rare and vulnerable ecosystems in international waters. Many marine creatures travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres to feeding and breeding grounds through both national and international waters.

The Global Ocean Treaty is 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. This Treaty is an essential instrument to make the global ambition to protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 a reality. However, 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, 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, requiring domestic legislation. On 24 June, 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 on whether Australia should ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Therefore, I urge the government to:

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

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.

Healthy, thriving oceans are vital to our planet's health and our future. I care deeply about the global ocean being protected and believe it's crucial for the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty without delay. 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.

Full name: Jeffrey Quinn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans and all it's marine life are unique and a gift that should be protected for all our future generations to experience and appreciate. Please don't deny them this privilege.

Full name: Tina Thorn

### Submission in Support of Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty

To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to express my strong support for Australia's prompt ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty. This treaty represents a significant milestone in global ocean conservation efforts, and as a concerned citizen, I believe it is crucial for Australia to play a proactive role in protecting our oceans.

The ocean covers two-thirds of our planet and is essential for sustaining life. However, despite its importance, international waters are largely unprotected,

facing threats from overfishing, pollution, and climate change. As an Australian who deeply values our natural environment, I believe it is imperative that we take concrete steps to preserve marine biodiversity and ensure the long-term health of our oceans.

Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is a critical step towards achieving the global goal of protecting at least 30% of our oceans by 2030. This ambitious target is necessary to safeguard marine ecosystems, support sustainable fisheries, and mitigate the impacts of climate change on vulnerable marine species.

I urge the Australian government to prioritise the ratification of the treaty before the next federal election, ensuring it is completed by June 2025. By doing so, Australia can demonstrate leadership on the world stage and contribute to global efforts to conserve our oceans for future generations.

Furthermore, I support the proposal for a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand, specifically in the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region. This area is rich in biodiversity and serves as a critical habitat for numerous marine species. Establishing a sanctuary here would provide essential protection for these ecosystems and ensure their resilience in the face of mounting environmental pressures.

The decision to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty is not just about legal obligations; it is about safeguarding our natural heritage and fulfilling our responsibility to future generations. I urge the Committee to recommend swift action on this matter, reflecting Australia's commitment to sustainable development and marine conservation.

Thank you for considering my views. I trust that Australia will take bold and decisive steps to protect our oceans and lead by example in global conservation efforts.

Sincerely,  
Peter McAllister

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Full name: Peter McAllister

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To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that depend on them.

Full name: Andy Evans

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's the right thing to do.

Full name: Maggie Aird

#### Submission in Support of Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty

To the Committee Secretary,

I write to express my strong support for Australia's ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty without delay. This treaty represents a monumental opportunity for Australia to demonstrate global leadership in ocean conservation—a cause that resonates deeply with me as an ocean-loving Australian.

The ocean is not just a vast expanse of water; it is a vital ecosystem that supports all life on Earth. Yet, despite its importance, less than 1% of international waters are adequately protected. This inadequate protection leaves marine life vulnerable to industrial overfishing, pollution, and the escalating impacts of climate change. As an island nation, Australia has a special responsibility to safeguard our oceans, which are crucial not only for biodiversity but also for our economy and way of life.

Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is a critical step towards fulfilling our commitment to protect at least 30% of the world's oceans by 2030—the "30x30" initiative. This ambitious target is essential for ensuring the resilience of marine ecosystems and the sustainability of fisheries that millions depend upon. By ratifying the treaty, Australia can join other nations in creating vast marine sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive.

I urge the Australian government to prioritise ratification of the treaty before the next federal election, ensuring it is completed by June 2025. This timeline is crucial to maintaining momentum towards global ocean conservation goals and solidifying Australia's position as a leader in marine protection.

Furthermore, I support Greenpeace Australia Pacific's recommendation to champion a high seas marine sanctuary between Australia and New Zealand, particularly in the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region. This area boasts rich biodiversity that must be preserved for future generations.

The overwhelming support for ocean conservation—from the millions who advocated for the Global Ocean Treaty to concerned citizens like myself—underscores the urgency of this matter. As a nation that values its natural heritage and understands the interconnectedness of our planet's ecosystems, Australia must act decisively to protect our oceans.

In conclusion, ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is not just a legal obligation but a moral imperative. It is an opportunity for Australia to lead by example, demonstrating our commitment to sustainable development and environmental stewardship. I urge the Treaty Committee to recommend swift ratification of the treaty, ensuring Australia plays a crucial role in securing the health and integrity of our global oceans.

Thank you for considering my views on this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Bondy

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Full name: Sharon Bondy

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To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our world depends on the oceans and we neglect or contaminate them at our own peril as well as contaminating everything in them, including the fish we eat and ultimately the air we breathe.

Full name: Elizabeth Flann

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To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are essential for regulating the climate, we need to protect all the creatures in the ocean and stop overfishing

Full name: Claudia Kleeberg

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is necessary for the future wellbeing of the earth and its inhabitants

Full name: Eric Heatwole

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ecological imbalance in our oceans is increasing at an alarming and unsustainable rate. Toxic chemicals, oil spills, plastic pollution, over fishing, now deep sea mining, and what with alarming mercury levels and micro plastics in our wild caught fish, it is now recommended to severely reduce fish intake. It is imperative that steps be taken to prevent this situation from worsening.....

Regards

Axel Andre

Full name: axel andre

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because on 3 occasions in last fortnight, whales have been ensnared in fishing nets, buoys, wire. Luckily they've been freed by citizens and rescue groups. Massive trawler fishing in our waters should be banned. Companies who have caused these traumas should be heavily fined.

Full name: Jan Brahe

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the entire Earth's wellbeing depends on an healthy ocean environment.

Full name: Miguel Heatwole

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is one of the biggest global conservation efforts in history. This is our opportunity to do something significant for our planet for future generations.

My understanding is that 30% of the world's oceans will be safeguarded. This is monumental in its scope and impact. For too long we have seen huge fishing conglomerates trawling the seas and divesting them if anything and everything that comes in their path. This has to stop. Hopefully this Global Ocean Treaty will go some way towards making this happen.

Kind regards

Full name: Patricia Gimpel

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean and all that it holds and in all the ways it sustains productive and healthy life on Earth is vital to our continued existence.

Kindest regards

Sue Gawned

Indian Ocean coast resident

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Full name: Sue Gawned

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Our oceans are already at 2degrees above pre industrial levels. This will cause change;and pressure on many ecosystems

We must protect our oceans on all fronts

Full name: Laurie Lawrence

To the Committee Secretary, I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as our lives revolve around the ocean and its inherent link to climate and sustainable life. It is the largest eco-system in the world that requires fierce protection and to take action now. There is no life without a an ocean and its wildlife therein. We need to educate and be better, we need to fight for lives, as drastic as it may sound.

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.

Thank you, Verena

Full name: Verena Tack

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because more needs to be done to protect our oceans and earth.

Full name: Janet Broomfield

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is imperative to preserve the habitat of a multitude of marine creatures. We do not want any of them to become extinct.

Full name: Susan Sawyer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's important !!

Full name: Alan Workman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is one of many important environmental issues that affects all living beings on land and in the ocean. Without healthy, thriving oceans, our planet and everything on it will suffer greatly. Please make this happen!

Full name: Stephanie Stone

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because once made legally binding in 60 countries, this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains!

Full name: Paul Allen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are the life blood of earth. They're full of beautiful creatures that bring joy and happiness to us, fish provide food for us.

I find it hard to put into words how important oceans and the health of them is ..... it's beyond explanation! If we were to lose the health of our oceans we would be doomed I'm certain.

Please I beg you please ratify the global ocean treaty now.

Full name: Jennifer Dougan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I am an ocean-loving Australian and care about our island home and would like Australia to show real global leadership on ocean protection.

International waters cover two thirds of the world's ocean, yet less than 1% is properly protected. This Treaty will create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive,

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.

In addition, I support 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.

It is time to protect the ocean. Healthy, thriving oceans are important to sustaining life.  
Let's get this done.

yours sincerely  
Sue Spence

Full name: Sue Spence

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean is essential to all life on earth, and belongs to us all and I fervently 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.

I am now asking the Government to:

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

Gerry DRew

Full name: Gerry Drew

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because  
We need to respect oceans.  
We need to provide areas where fish can live and breed uninterrupted.  
We also need to protect more places from krill harvesting so that we do not interrupt the food chain for whales.  
Our oceans are an extremely important carbon sink.

Full name: Robyn Becket

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our local area NOW before it is too late.

Full name: Clare Doran

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because natural systems need to be protected from human over-exploitation as much as possible. Too many natural systems have already been degraded due to human impacts and we need to stop this trend for everyone's sake.

Full name: Robert Hay

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is important with regards to Climate Change and protecting biodiversity.

Kind regards,  
Gillian

Full name: Gillian Archer



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have made a complete mess of everything else we have done on this planet - can we not do a single thing right? Let's start.

Full name: Kevin Hill

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans sustain life. It is your duty to protect this precious ecosystem.

Full name: Tamra Sami

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without healthy oceans we have no chance at real future survival. How many more animals must we destroy because the Government won't listen? It's on YOU to start this.

Full name: Jennifer Kaschau

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because

Like our land our oceans are sacred spaces older than the test of time these spaces are sacred and need to be there in their best condition for future generations to enjoy as they are and were I'm calling on this and future governments to cease treating our oceans as resources for profit and gain and commit to real conservation and sustainable real best or not at all conservation planning for other mining and wind farms that are heavily redundant for the damage they do

Full name: Philip Wicks

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean supports all life on earth and the treaty must be ratified in order to protect it. We cannot afford to assume that profit-driven corporations will do the right thing. The oceans are being exploited and seriously damaged and without protections we will reach the point of no return. The Australian government must stand up and protect our oceans by ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Deb Darke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Australia must do everything in its power to protect global oceans.

Conservation of the oceanic ecosystems and all its life forms is a critical part of stopping escalating climate change and massive ocean species loss.

It is imperative everything possible is done to protect global oceans for future

generations

Full name: Rosalie Martin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is desperately needed

Full name: Carole Davis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is paramount that we protect our oceans to the fullest extent to protect the very oxygen we breathe (more oxygen is produced in the ocean v trees) for ourselves and our future generations; and to protect the equilibrium of ocean life and biodiversity. It is not just a nice to have.

Full name: Sally Ferris

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Please do so before it is too late. Our Pacific's neighbours need us to stand with them.

Best regards,  
Val Barrington

Full name: Val Barrington

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean and what it comprises is critical to our continued way of life. I am an author of four books published on Amazon relating stories of rescues of wounded sea animals. Through those books and others I intend to write I hope to teach the younger generation the importance of preserving sea life and the ocean environment. Sincerely David Burrowes

Full name: David Burrowes

To the Committee Secretary,

I appeal to the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. The well-being of oceans is absolutely critical to the future of humanity. While we tend to focus on what we are doing to land and air, it is the oceans that are fundamental to life on earth. We have neglected and abused them for too long. It is essential for our future that we protect oceans now.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Curry

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Full name: Chris Curry

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because There is no realisation of the impact that has been made by human ignorance. Living near the ocean I can tell you it is unhealthy to look at in comparison to 20 years ago. If this steep decline continues it will be disastrous to not only the life in the ocean. But to life on earth. Be big. Make the changes today that will sustain tomorrow. Or destroy the most precious life giving resource we have always been privileged to access.

Full name: Kathy Davis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our ocean's need to be protected. If ratified by June 2025, we can ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030. Protecting our oceans is so important for regulating climate change, with oceans actually absorbing a significant amount of CO2 and producing O2, but we also need to protect our oceans to save the beautiful life which live in them. This is for our own benefit, billions rely on seafood for protein, but also for the simple love of the beauty of life across earth.

Our oceans are under such threat from climate change, over fishing, global warming, deep sea mining, plastic pollution, the list goes on. The need to protect our oceans has never been greater.

Australia in particular has a vested interest in protecting our oceans as an island, and when the beauty of our waters is such a point of pride for us. I want my children to one day see for themselves the astonishing beauty of our oceans. Please ratify the Treaty.

Full name: Grace Rodsjo

Dear Committee Secretary,

Our beautiful coasts are an icon of our country that are arguable more iconic than the Opera House and Harbour Bridge combined. These pristine waterscapes are not only iconic but they are also environmentally and economically important.

Our oceans house unique native species such as the leafy sea dragon which would be under threat with reduced protections and increased pollution. As we have seen with species such as the Tasmanian Tiger, extinction is forever.

Without clean and protected oceans, tourism would also be impacted in Australia. This industry worth more than \$60 billion in 2022-23 is reliant on the maintenance of our harbour and beaches. Imagine eating “fresh” Australian oysters knowing that they were grown in polluted waters or going whale watching only to find out they will never return to our coasts because of the noise and destruction from a deep sea mining site.

I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty not only because of my own love for the ocean but because without our clean oceans, Australia is nothing.

Full name: Angela Li

To the Committee Secretary,

I join with many people to ask the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Our seas should not be used as mere dumping grounds for human waste, mere fish factories for us, mere multi-lane highways for transporting our goods, or mere lucrative mining sites. The seas and all their marine life should be protected from egregious abuse by humans, This abuse is happening now. The ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty will help protect our seas from further despoliation and degradation.

Full name: Iris Ralph

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our land and seas and the plants and animals they support all need to be protected - urgently.

Full name: Kate Mudie

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because of its importance to Australia and our region. The seas need our protection. I want my grandchildren to see the wonders of the natural world and these must include healthy oceans. Please act for the future generations. Thank you. Kerry

Full name: Kerry Clarke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are one of the integral ecosystems supporting the life of our planet. Australian waters are being constantly threatened by gas drilling and other unnecessary and impactful developments. Please act on the behalf of the country and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Damian Roebuck

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our ocean life is under siege in so many ways. Sanctuary is necessary because the world's fish stock is under immense pressure from the devastatingly efficient industrial fishing industry. The industry catches and kills ocean life of every size in every part of the globe, and refuge is essential. This pressure is accentuated by the effects of climate change and the acidification of ocean water, together with plastic and other pollution. As a lover of the ocean in all its aspects, I request that you urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Yours sincerely,  
Robin Martin

Full name: Robin Martin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the survival of our species and many others depends on it

Full name: Rosemary King

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health of our oceans impacts the whole planet.

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.

Full name: Jennifer Brewer



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because as a marine biologist and underwater photographer I have seen the loss of marine habitats and marine species at an accelerating pace. In Victoria we have tried to address this through a comprehensive network of representative marine reserves. I believe we should do this for international waters and increase the reservations from about 1% to at least the suggested 30%.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Kinchington

Full name: Peter Kinchington

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are so important. They're critical for life as we know it, they provide a key source of food, and drive the majority of our tourism in this country. We have a responsibility, to ourselves and to the entire world, to look after our oceans as best we can. We need to do more.

Full name: Beau Gosney

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are an island continent surrounded by water and also responsible for a large part of the south pole. the oceans and what lives in it falls largely on us to look after. please assist by doing this.

Full name: wayne campbell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a no brainer, we MUST be a participant to save our sovereign assets.

Full name: Beverley Taperell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because STOP DEEPSEA MINING

Full name: Stuart Chugg

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is so important for our future generations. It is a safe guard against destroying our precious oceans and all the creatures that rely on the fragile ecosystem within the oceans. I plead with government to protect this beautiful natural environment for all now and in the future. The next generation needs smart action and decisions done now .  
Thank you

Full name: Lyndall Boulos

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because a healthy thriving ocean ecosystem is vital to the planet and our survival on it.

Full name: Mary-Ann Lovejoy

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean stocks are being completely depleted by modern fishing practices and the oceans need to be protected to have the species diversity and fish stocks to come back to sustainable levels.

Full name: Anthony King

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because once it's gone it is gone forever. This should be preserved for future generations.

Full name: Josephine Whitfield

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean belongs to all beings and is essential to all life on earth. The ocean contain rare and vulnerable ecosystems that require protection against industrial over-fishing, pollution and climate change. The treaty is essential so nations can work together to enable the recovery, where needed, and the flourishing of the rich biodiversity of ocean life. Thank you

Kathryn

Full name: Kathryn Shain

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I care about our future on this planet. We have no planet B.

Full name: Shirley Hoffman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is so important to the future of our planet. If we care at all about our children grandchildren and great grandchildren, then we would be strongly intent on protecting all of our own ecosystems. Sadly there are countries who don't care enough about our Oceans but Australia should not be one of them. It would be embarrassing for a country like Australia to be compliant in doing away with such needed protection of our environment. PLEASE RATIFY THE GLOBAL OCEAN TREATY

Yours very sincerely  
Annie McKellar

Full name: Annie McKellar

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans are the most important large-scale ecosystems to maintain and protect and if there is no action to protect them, there is no hope for human society to survive and continue at its current rate.

Full name: Rachel Bishop

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ...  
Just because!!!  
Thank You

You are killing us IMHO

Full name: Fred Engels

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the future of the human kind depends on the wellness of our oceans. We must not give in to short term goals of corporate greed and destroy the long term future of our children and the nature world.

Full name: Mivo Mali

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are a crucial part of the global ecosystem. If we expect the oceans to support and protect us, we have to support and protect them!

Full name: Rachel Court

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all marine species urgently need protection.

Overfishing, death of bycatch, ship strikes on whales, shark and ray species being decimated, sea birds eg. Albatross starving, pollution, mining with explosive devices.. just a short list of the perils faced by sea creatures. Not to mention global warming. Sea temperatures are rising, changing habitats. Particularly devastating in Arctic and Antarctic waters. All varieties of seaweed and of plankton and krill species are disappearing due to climate change.

Full name: Heather Cooke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our shared future is at risk if not.

Thank you for your time.

Full name: Michael Hoare

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our marine / air life that rely on it for life! I want my future generations to know this still exists as a given!

Full name: Michelle Poehlsen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because

WHAT YOU DO WHILE IN OFFICE WILL BE HOW YOU ARE REMEMBERED'

YOU WERE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE!!

Full name: Dennis Stabler

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Global Ocean Treaty is one of the biggest global conservation efforts in history.

Once made legally binding in 60 countries, this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains!

Please ratify this treaty immediately to safeguard all global oceans and their contents.

Regards

Anna Huxtable

Full name: Anna Huxtable

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is embarrassing that we always seem to be the lagards. How about we step up for principles and the long term benefit of everyone?

Full name: Ian Duncan

Please please please protect our oceans and marine life.

For me and my grandkids

Stephen Jones

Full name: Stephen Jones



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans are essential for our future life on this planet. I complement this government for its efforts to protect our environment and wholeheartedly support Australia ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: Jennifer Dodds

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without healthy oceans we don't have a healthy world.

Full name: Kerry Davidson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Please.

Full name: Laurajane Smith

To the Committee Secretary, we would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

While the government signed the Treaty in September last year, it must be ratified to make it legally binding. The urgency is relevant - this needs to be

done before June 2025 ie before the next election.

Australia is an island. We live in Tasmania, a small island. Our oceans are so important to us as Australians, perhaps more so than many other countries globally. Healthy oceans are our carbon sinks, a source of food if sustainably managed, harbour extraordinary biodiversity, and provide critically important habitat for marine wildlife.

We urge the government's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to please recommend the federal government ratify this critically important Treaty.

Kind regards

Jennie and Rob Churchill

Full name: Jennie Churchill

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our world is in imminent danger of irreversible cumulative damage.

Full name: Peter Grady

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the sustainability of ocean life is critical.

Full name: Gill Palmer

Firstly- thank you for the opportunity to voice, To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are the lifeblood of this planet. I'm not a scientist- I work in the commercial/recreational charter fishing industry, in fact I write this message while transiting through the Whitsundays. We know that the ocean produces more oxygen into the atmosphere than all of the terrestrial plant life combined, we also know that over fishing is creating a massive problem both with the demise of fish stocks and the absolutely out of control micro-plastics issue that seems to slip by the general public's awareness. I hope for an ocean for my children to enjoy that is not damaged further by corporate greed- and I PRAY that we, and more so the next generation, can work to restore and correct some if not all of the terrible damage that we have engaged in thus far. Again thank you for the opportunity to speak my mind, and more so voice what is in my heart.

Full name: Dan Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our Oceans are intrinsically valuable.

Full name: Naomi Mawson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans determine our climate and the risks of an overheated planet are too great to ignore.

Full name: Ann Richards

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are so important to everyone and should not be depleted of life or polluted.

Full name: Damian Jones

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I totally believe and live for the Rights of Nature.

Full name: JO FAITH

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is the best way, so far, of having long term better protection of our oceans. This is totally and unequivocally necessary; for our food, for the survival of ecological systems and hence our survival too. To not sign is to wilfully ignore Australians' and the world's essential needs.

Full name: Karen Alexander

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because when it is made legally binding this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains. Our survival depends on healthy oceans.

Full name: Kathleen Coutts

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are stunning and important. Important to people and essential for the animals that inhabit it. Please protect our oceans, please.

Full name: Beth Tarilton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want our oceans and all the beings in it to be kept protected!

Full name: Janet Duran

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because: the oceans are the stabilising component of moderating the earth's temperature along with the lungs of life on the planet. Please do everything that you can to preserve the oceans.

Full name: Tad Foley

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to do better as a society to drive positive environmental change. We already have the power and capability to run our country effectively without permanently damaging oceans and the ecosystems that live in them. We should not destroy the very thing that brought us to this point in human evolution. We are smarter than this and just because we've always done things a certain way, does not mean we shouldn't change the way we do things. These positive changes are the future of our society and there is no logic to delaying the inevitable. We should always stay one step ahead.

Full name: Kieran Lamb

To the Committee Secretary, I think it is so important that the Australian Government urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. We now know how interconnected are the elements of our living planet. The world's oceans contribute in a fundamental way to the health of the Earth. We cannot afford to damage the planet any more. The future depends on us protecting rather than exploiting the oceans. Please represent a wise, intelligent, responsible Australia and ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.  
Sincerely  
Margaret Sainsbury

Full name: Margaret Sainsbury

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans and the environments they support are integral to our well being as a species. These are complex environments, with multitudes of species relying on each other in the food chain, as we have seen with a warming of the ocean resulting in bleaching death of reefs and the disappearance of the marine life that used to live in those locations including the larger effects of changes in Antarctic climate disrupting the undersea cold water flows to the equatorial seas resulting in changing weather patterns or the decline in fish stock due to over fishing, damage to sea floor environment due to dragnet fishing... Failure to maintain these delicate environments will have disastrous affects on our own ability and amenity to exist within this world.

Full name: Jon Blake

To the Committee Secretary, the Australian Government needs to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty due to the plethora of scientific evidence that many species (including, human) are under existential threat due to man-made climate change, economic mishandling and pollution. The health of oceans is the health of the entire unique and precious planet we inhabit. Please send a clear message to future generations that the Australian government cared enough about their future to ratify this Treaty by June 2025 to protect 30% of global oceans by 2030.

Regards, Anthea Groessler

Full name: Anthea Groessler

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if oceans are destroyed then the whole planet, including humankind, will suffer. Do you want to be remembered for destroying the planet?

Full name: Therese Mitchell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to consider the impact of not having these protections in place. In a place where we are bound by oceans, the coastline is a major draw card for Australians and visitors, and livelihoods depend on having a bountiful and protected ocean, we must commit to this global protection policy.

Full name: Julia Kent

Dear Committee Secretary, ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is vital because the oceans are critical to the health of the environment and human beings. Protecting the ocean and the creatures within is necessary for basic human survival - but also important for the invaluable creatures and plants that live there. Not only do marine creatures and plants provide sustenance for people, they potentially provide intelligence on new chemicals and materials that can advance science and medicine. In addition, animals and plants have value on their own terms and should not just be considered for their value to us (even though that value is significant).

Full name: Martin Hills



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protecting the environment, especially the ocean, is the most urgent action to be undertaken.

Full name: Piero Giorgi

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because having healthy oceans is critical for the overall wellbeing of this planet.

Full name: Ross Thompson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health and well being of all parts of the planet are interconnected .The worlds oceans need protection not exploitation  
Regards Nic

Full name: Nicholas Wallis-Smith

Marine ecosystems are incredibly precious and important to the wellbeing and future of the planet. The value of healthy, undisturbed and biodiverse oceans cannot be understated. Similarly, we cannot afford to ignore the powerful natural role of the ocean in combatting climate change. I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty, as a matter of urgency, and take every step to protect and preserve oceans and their inhabitants.

Full name: Sarah Margo

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it 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.

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

But 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 took the first step by tabling the Treaty in Parliament and publishing a 'Regulatory Impacts Statement' for consideration.

I call on your to ratify the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

Yours faithfully,

Megan James

Full name: Megan James

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because healthy oceans determine a healthy planet

Full name: Elizabeth Grange

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it breaks my heart to see the effects of human activity on ocean creatures, especially mammals .  
I've swum in the ocean regularly for decades, and visit it daily.

Full name: Jill McKinnon

To the Committee Secretary,  
It is my will that the Australian Government ratifies the Global Ocean Treaty.  
Human survival, tourism and our mental health depends on oceans with healthy thriving marine life.

Full name: Leisha Jack

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we want to save and improve our

environment while we can. Time is running out. Australians are prepared to work on it. Why don't you?

Full name: Lucienne Coverdale

To the Committee Secretary,

As the human population increases, the planet is getting exploited more and more. We are at the point where, if we don't start seriously protecting the natural world from this exploitation, the fabric of nature will collapse. This would be a disaster to all life as we know it. Humans rely on a healthy natural environment as much as any other living creature on the planet. Without a healthy natural environment, all life on the planet will suffer, and we humans will be 100% to blame. We need to lock away vast tracts of every type of ecosystem that exists on the planet. Part of this is the Global Ocean Treaty. I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: David Minard

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our precious oceans need global protection and those who wish to protect our oceans need a Global Ocean Treaty to call upon to support them in their efforts. At the next election I will be voting for the party which has the best environmental policies overall, including support for such treaties. Our future depends on us all taking this stand.

My best wishes to you in your deliberations.

Kind regards, Helen

Full name: Helen van de Pol

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need an intact ecosystem. The ocean is a very important habitat for all sorts of wildlife, and it is very important for our ecosystem and the surviving of the Human race. Everything should be in balance and at the moment it's not. Which will sooner or later cause very big problems. Now is the time to change something, before it's too late. On top of that is, that I want for my kids, grandkids and great grandkids to see the beauty of the ocean and it's wildlife too.

Full name: Remo Stutzer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because It is the Labour thing to do. In unity.

Full name: JOHN CRONIN

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because sustaining our ocean is vital to the survival of humanity in so many ways, but it's also vital to the Australian economy, our island nation relies on the billions of dollars per year brought in by tourism which is heavily weighted on our beautiful beaches, marine wildlife and their habitat. Which is exactly why we should lead by example and hope that we can have a positive influence over other nations to follow suit.  
Thank you  
Nick

Full name: Nick Handley

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because when the ocean dies we all die.

Full name: Daniel Daffara

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Ocean health IS world health. We have only one world, making ocean health a top priority for everyone and everything!

Full name: Keith Gregg

To the Committee Secretary.

I want, yes, want!, PLEASE, the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because 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. This Treaty is an essential tool to make the global ambition to protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 a reality. The Treaty can be used to create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive, something so desperately needed for our marine creatures.

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.

PLEASE....

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

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.

In Hope for my grandchildren

Thank you

Full name: Kerry Macdonald

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty which has a important part of our global environment.

Full name: Terry Nolan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean.

Full name: Jill Andrews

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because these oceans are our only safeguard for all the living creatures in this world. Including the minor ones, humans.

Full name: Robert Johnston

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is one of the most significant global ocean conservation efforts of our lifetime.  
We need to ratify for future generations.

Full name: Needeya Islam

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health of the oceans is paramount to our own safety. We must keep what little balance there is left in the ocean ecosystems and provide safe areas for it to have a chance to maintain itself unmolested by greedy and irresponsible humans.

Full name: Peter Noble



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Full name: Stephen Sutton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our natural resources are fundamental to our survival on Earth. There's only 1 planet for human beings - respect it!

Full name: Davina Nowland

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect what is left

Full name: Bronwyn McGarry

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the sea is suffering from humans plastics, toxic waste, agricultural runoff and more. We need the sea to sustain life.

Full name: Gwynne Freeman-Flood

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are so precious and already under terrible threat from Climate Change.

The world and Australia particularly need to step up and improve its environmental commitments.

Please don't let this opportunity slip away with taking strong action and being a leader for the world to follow.

Regards  
Don

Full name: Don Woodhouse

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I care about the global environment and

the continuing presence of all species including humans.  
Australia must cooperate with other signatories to ensure a sustainable future  
for our younger generations.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Full name: Robert Northey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have a duty of care to protect our  
natural environment. Since colonisation we have been responsible for the  
decimation of this land and its wildlife, ww have been responsible for the  
demise of our climate. No more! We have to amend the damages done and act  
quickly if we are to provide a safe future for all living things on this planet

Full name: Carolyn Goodall

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our lives and the lives of future  
generations depend on it

Full name: Geoffrey Quayle

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because to much of our wild life is becoming

extinct because thier habitat is being destroyed. this has to stop. we have to save our wildlife not kill them. after humans wildlife is the most precious things on this planet. they weren't put here to be destroyed. wildlife was here before humans. they have more right to live and left alone in the environment that was put there for them. we as humans have a duty to look after and help out wildlife servive.

Full name: Barry Teeling

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a chance to protect a shared essence of life from shallow financial interests.

Full name: Roland Weight

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must stop the destruction of the World's oceans. We cannot think of the oceans as another resource to be plundered in the name of so-called progress.

Full name: Ray Goulter

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean supports a huge range of

precious fish species. It is drowning in pollution, which in turn can kill thousands of fish. We need to maintain and vastly improve the health of our precious oceans and allow fish to flourish and reproduce to sustain our future and the future of generations to come.

Full name: Jan Fahie

TWe must save our unique fauna and flora sea life by urgently ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty

Full name: Jim Fields

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we cannot miss this opportunity! We must act now! Time is running out!

Full name: Cheryl Rennie

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we're running out of time to save our Ocean's especially from microplastics;please join this Group so we can all see you are serious in representing All Australians. Thank you!

Full name: Leith Hopkins

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because giant, foreign corporations are commandeering our natural resources for very little return to us, except a violated and destroyed marine environment. Corporations can't take NO for an answer. It is not up to us to give them they YES they demand, it is up to us to STAND UP for ourselves and our environment. An impermeable Global Ocean Treaty, ratified by many countries and backed by firm adherence and defense, is the best way to say NO to giant, foreign corporations. These entities have no desire to serve the interests of Australians, or environments, or even human life - just profit and corporate growth. We are under NO obligation to give them access to our pristine environments and resources to have them pilfered and compromised with no benefit to ourselves - humans, or any other species for that matter. It is time to stop "giving in to progress"! "Progress" is spelling the end of sustainable environments, species and ultimately mankind itself, for short term gain at the behest of soulless, profit-driven, transglobal organisations. Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty will mean Australia joins the growing bloc of countries prepared to make a stand against the destruction of our planet. Thank you  
Yours sincerely  
kammy Cordner Hunt

Full name: Kammy Cordner Hunt

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Ocean is the water of Life for planet Earth..

Full name: Joseph Quigley

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because there's only one chance left to do the only right thing.

Thank you.

Full name: andrea Seno

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our future depends on it! The Oceans are part of our climate system & the creatures in it too!

Full name: Madeleine Edgar

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is vital for future generations. The oceans are the lifeblood of the world and need more protection from overfishing and deep sea mining.

Full name: Patricia Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Australia is surrounded by oceans; because we swim, and dive, and fish in it. The ocean is home to many critters and corals which rely upon stable temperatures and water purity.

Thank you,  
Naomi San Martin

Full name: Naomi San Martin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have such a unique marine ecosystem here in Australia that needs our protection.

Full name: Tahnee Palaszczuk

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. If there is no action, our oceans and world as a whole, suffer beyond repair. The damage human life inflicts on the planet is spiralling out of control, protect our planet so there is a future beyond our own.

Full name: Kristan Jeffrey



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all life begins in the ocean and we have polluted and trashed the ocean and marine life;jeopardizing a mass extinction (ultimately including our own species)

Full name: Nikki Nafziger

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the most significant global ocean conservation effort of our lifetime and we must protect Australia's unique and distinctive marine wildlife.

Thank you in advance for taking to powerful position and ensuring our children's children see the ocean as we did on how annual holiday to the beach.

Full name: Rachel Quilty

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want 30% of the world's oceans protected. Doing this will save countless species (and us;after all, it's a web of life, where each species depends on others).

Full name: Marie-Louise Drew

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I really care about what happens to our oceans. I am sad and embarrassed when talking to my nephews about the environmental crises that have taken place during my life, and I don't want it to get worse.

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.

Kind regards,  
Brenna Cook

Full name: Brenna Cook

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we only have one earth.  
We need to protect it.  
This should not be up for discussion.

Full name: Emily Simpson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans matter for our survival as a species. Because other species rely on the oceans and rely on us not to be selfish and take it all for ourselves. Because we want to leave a legacy as the human race for caring for others, the earth and every being on this planet. Because it matters that we use our knowledge, money and power to do the right thing, not exploit for our own gain.

Full name: Cassandra Mangan

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty  
to provide ongoing protection to our oceans and their habitat.  
Thank you,  
Rosemary Cuthbertson

Full name: Rosemary Cuthbertson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is in everyone interest to safe the globe  
before it is far too late which is very late now.

Full name: Dhananant Bunnag

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because of the importance of our marine  
biodiversity to the planet.  
We cannot over emphasise this importance, it is crucial to keep the valuable  
biodiversity we have left - otherwise with climate change our oceans will  
become like deserts. We must act now!

Full name: Jan Davis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a crime against humanity and the survival of the planet is at stake...your children's children will inherit the wreckage that you are able to prevent...God bless.

Full name: Ian Jones

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because marine life needs protection now to sustain healthy ecosystems.

Full name: Pamela Alvesteffer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is up to us now, isn't it? There is no time left. Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. It is of the utmost importance for the future of the planet and all life on it, including ours.

Full name: Janet Granger

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is only by agreement to protect our common home that it will not be totally destroyed through exploitation.

Full name: Malcolm Rickarby

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the future of our planet depends on it.

Full name: Kirsten Hocking

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. This is because our most valuable economic asset is the biosphere (you can't buy shiny things if you are dead) and the world's oceans are a vital component of the biosphere.

However, it appears that this Labor Government has decided that survival would be just too expensive to seriously consider. Instead, it has chosen to promote the ultimate Ponzi scheme of endless uncostered exploitation of our most valuable asset.

That is what happens when you embrace neo-liberal ideology.

Full name: Tony Dickson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because there is such a wonderful variety of life in our planet's oceans that are defenceless from the careless and greedy actions of humans.....we must step up and protect our oceans and all life that lives within them. If we allow an imbalance in the nature of our planet it will eventually render it uninhabitable for us also. Thus it's also in our best interests to respect and protect planet Earth.

Full name: Karen Munn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because marine ecosystems are extremely delicate & so important in having a stable earth environment.

Full name: Lucienne Noontil

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because a unified stance on preservation of ocean environments is essential to their effectiveness.

Full name: Maria Cleary

To the Committee Secretary, as a marine biologist, ecologist and lover of nature, I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

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 do this before it's too late for our planet

Sarah V

Full name: Sarah Valentine

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our beautiful oceans now! Stop the pollution, stop over fishing, stop illegal drift nets NOW!

Full name: Dearnal Delaney

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the science overwhelmingly supports the idea of progressive large scale protective measures for our oceans. Thanks.  
James

Full name: James Morrissey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ocean degradation affects all of us and ocean protection is critical to saving our planet. I have just read the current Quarterly Essay (Issue 94, 2024) and it is evident that the ocean is critical to our efforts to arrest and stabilise global warming. Yet 2023 set a record for the heat content of the world's oceans. The Global Oceans Treaty is but one, essential though insufficient, step that the world must take as soon as possible.

Full name: Michael Raper

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our sea life needs protection against human intervention

Full name: Jenny Davis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it represents an important step in cleaning up our oceans and protecting the creatures who live in them.  
Thanks in anticipation - Joyce Bown

Full name: Joyce Bown

To the Committee Secretary, Australia must ratify this Treaty urgently as time



passing makes things worse every day.  
Once it's ruined and gone things won't come back.

Full name: Mitchell Woolfe

To the Committee Secretary

I am writing to express my support for the urgent ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty by the Australian Government. The importance of ocean protection cannot be overstated for Australia, a nation deeply connected to its marine environments both economically and culturally.

Why Ocean Protection Matters:

1. **Biodiversity Preservation:** Australia's oceans are home to some of the most diverse marine ecosystems on the planet. From the Great Barrier Reef to the pristine waters of the Southern Ocean, these habitats are crucial for countless species. Protecting these ecosystems helps ensure the survival of marine life, many of which are endemic to our waters.
2. **Climate Regulation:** Oceans play a vital role in regulating the Earth's climate by absorbing carbon dioxide and heat. Healthy oceans are essential for mitigating the impacts of climate change, which is particularly important for Australia given our vulnerability to extreme weather events and rising sea levels.
3. **Economic Importance:** The ocean is a significant contributor to Australia's economy through industries such as tourism, fishing, and shipping. Sustainable management of these resources ensures long-term economic benefits and job security for many Australians.
4. **Cultural Significance:** For Indigenous Australians, the ocean is not just a resource but a central part of their cultural heritage and identity. Protecting the marine environment ensures that future generations can continue to maintain and celebrate this invaluable connection.

My Recommendation:

1. I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025. The Treaty is a powerful tool that can help create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive.
2. I recommend that Australia 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.

A Call for Leadership:

Australia has already shown its intent by signing the Treaty in September last year. Now is the time to take the next step and demonstrate real global leadership in ocean conservation. By ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty, Australia can help set a precedent for other nations to follow, ensuring that at least 30% of the global ocean is protected by 2030.

In conclusion, protecting our oceans is not just an environmental issue; it is a matter of national importance that affects our biodiversity, climate stability, economy, and cultural heritage. I urge the Committee to recommend the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty and to take decisive action to safeguard our marine environments for future generations.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Full name: Anthony D'Ambra

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are vital to our existence and that of our children and future generations

Full name: Paula Dunphy

To the Committee Secretary, I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I am deeply concerned for the damage we are doing our planet and for the devastating impact this is having on our ocean life. We all need to act to save this environment for future generations. Please act positively on this.

Full name: Phil Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want clean healthy oceans now and for generations to come.

Full name: Hellene Demosthenous

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if the oceans die, I don't think life on this earth can survive. This is the time to take heroic steps to save the oceans and help them recover.

Full name: Anne E

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have to start taking better care of our environment immediately

Full name: Frank van de Ven

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must do everything to protect and preserve life in the oceans. Time is running out on so many environments this treaty will slow down this process.

Kim

Full name: Kim Batterham

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is the most significant conservation effort to date. Showing world leadership on protecting our oceans from further human impact. For too long humanity has treated our oceans as an infinite resilient resource. Sadly being impacted on many levels from over fishing, argi pollution, mining, plastics to name a few. We have reached so many tipping points and if action serious action isn't taken the diversity of spec8es and ocean health

Full name: Vicki Burrows

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our seas and their marine life need and deserve protection and preservation.

Full name: Don Vincent

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because preserving healthy oceans is essential to maintaining the health of all life on our planet. Without a Treaty we will continue to face over-exploitation and decay of our shared aquatic ecosystems.

Full name: Al Reid

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Ocean protection affects all of us.

Full name: Jayne Keay

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is our legacy for the future. Does this government want to go down in Australian history as the ones who let it all slip through their fingers.

Can we rely on them to truly represent us - and future generations to protect what is left?

Thank you.

Full name: Narda Campbell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to stop over fishing and restore balance of species.

Regards Judith Bull

Full name: Judith Bull

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean and all its biodiversity is intrinsically worthy of protection and because human survival and wellbeing is intrinsically linked to the functioning of our biosphere - we cannot continue our wanton destruction of the natural world and expect humans to be unaffected by this greed and foolishness.

Full name: Jane MacDonald

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I grew up with a diet of fish, crabs, cockles that we caught or collected as kids. I would hate for the grandchildren to not have that opportunity. We adhered to the size and bag limits to preserve the stocks, but acidification, seafloor disturbance and uncontrolled fishing threaten the sustainability of our oceans.

Full name: Tony Hill

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because at this stage of global climate catastrophe it is the LEAST you can do. I can't believe we need to submit reason as to why it's a good idea to stop destroying the planet. Stop putting profit first, stop benefiting the ruling billionaires and corporations only, stop the destruction of the oceans, waterways and land. It's basic stuff, always falling on deaf, greedy ears.

Full name: Carolina Cabezas

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because 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. The Australian Government must ratify the Global Ocean Treaty before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025. We must have 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. All Governments must take part in protecting our global ocean. All Governments must take on the responsibility of repairing the destruction of what humans have done and keep doing to this planet.

Full name: Karen Sadgunn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our oceans not continue to pollute and destroy them

Full name: Danielle North

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are precious and need urgent action from all countries to preserve the ecosystems for future generations.

Full name: Vincent Watt

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ocean biodiversity around Australia is now found to be extremely high and under threat. We have an obligation to participate in global scale ocean protection strategies and could do this as one of the second largest continents in the southern hemisphere and because of our participation in protecting Antarctica via a global protection treaty.

Full name: Patricia Julien

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because Australians know and value the significance of all of the world's oceans for ecological systems, society, and for the economy.

Australia is a vast country surrounded by oceans which are recognized for their immense recreational value for swimming, surfing, sailing, diving and being beside the seaside.

These oceans are rich in environmental heritage with a great diversity of species,



including many endangered species. The oceans also play a major role in absorbing heat and protecting all living things from impacts of climate change.

Economically, the oceans provide many important and valuable services, such as transport, energy, aqua-culture and commercial fishing.

The global oceans all require conservation to protect their many values along with proper management. This applies to Australia's seas and oceans, too, which are of great beauty and diversity.

The oceans are not an inexhaustible asset for exploitation by the human population. It is importation for the Global Treaty to be ratified by Australia in order to progress from exploitation to conservation and management of all the world's oceans for the future.

Sincerely,  
Jennie Minifie.

Full name: Jennie Minifie

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species.

Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty is essential for protecting marine biodiversity, ensuring sustainable use of ocean resources, mitigating climate change impacts, fostering international scientific collaboration, providing economic benefits, strengthening international maritime law, and fulfilling our moral responsibility to preserve the planet. It is a vital step towards a healthier and more sustainable future for our oceans and the life they support.

Full name: James McArdle

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must start to respect our planet more before we make it uninhabitable.

Full name: Ann Fisher

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is an essential part of our planet and we need it to function to keep us safe and allow us to continue the quality of life we are used to. A disturbed ecosystem and loss of organisms will lead to disastrous outcomes, some that we know about as well as unpredictable ones. Let's look after our oceans, they look after and provide for us!

Full name: Claudia Koller

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because life is valuable. The Oceans of the world are a part of the system of the world and are just as important for oxygen as trees are. Thank you

Full name: Diane Vander Flier

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I cannot think of one single reason for not signing.

For the future of the planet for my grandchildren, their children and for the sake  
of every grandchild in the world, I beseech you to sign.

Yours very sincerely,  
Nicky Riles

Full name: Nicole Riles

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all life depends on the health of the  
ocean.

Full name: Zsanine Alexander

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is an absolute necessity for our  
economy, future generations, food sourcing and sustained life on our planet.

Full name: Teora Ward

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently  
ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to preserve at least some of the  
planet's biosphere for both our generation and future generations.

The health of the biosphere is not irrelevant to development.

Full name: Walter Steensby

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is with all considered will play a very important part in the Earth's Survival in Earth's future and needs to be researched and explored more towards the mysterious existence of the living organisms it offers us towards our growth and development. As in the past it has given us as a Planet much offering towards our growth, life and harmony, not to mention joy and exploration towards so much of this Planets existence, this is why it needs to be considered as being preserved and protected by a treaty, in my views.

Full name: Robin Ritchie

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it means globally all concerned parties will be working together to protect the worlds ocean areas, (many of these areas are in or close to Australian oceans), those that are specifically under immediate threat from being wiped out and those that are slowly declining from the way humans live there lives, as if there is no tomorrow.

Tomorrow will come, and it is all our responsibility to ensure the biodiversity of this incredible earth we have the privilege to be part of, is protected legally, for all living beings.

Sincerely,

Karyn  
Aged Care Worker / mother to six children and seven grandchildren.

Full name: Karyn Ellis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the major of nations have acted on the research and concluded that this is the right thing for the planet. We should join with them.

Full name: Don Juniper

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are a significant key to the health of our blue planet. We depend on our oceans in our race to save the planet from catastrophic climate warming and also to provide important food resources to many. Our oceans are increasingly damaged by over-fishing, underwater mining and plastic and other pollution. We cannot afford to damage this essential resource. I call 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, and for the Australian Government to ratify this international Global Ocean Treaty prior to June 2025. Thank you.

Full name: Wendy Tubman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the world needs to unify on nature

Full name: Rae Dotchin

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are crucial to life on earth, and they need protection. We are harvesting them to the point of extinction and the only way to strengthen their protection is to collectively protect them with an agreement that the majority of leading countries sign on to. Marine protected areas have been proven to help restore habitats and species protection. 30% protection of the global oceans is a sensible response to the challenge. Compliance will be the next challenge but knowing an area has protection will assist with compliance. Australia should ratify the Treaty as soon as possible.

Full name: Helen Oakey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans create oxygen, support life, ecosystems and weather. All conservation and environment issues are critical mainly due to greed in over fishing and over population causing immense damage and poisoning from plastics, dumping of toxic waste, dumping in general, and not valuing the life in the oceans in general.

Full name: Linda Dixon

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are not just trade routes and

access to minerals. We rely on our oceans for oxygen, without which we and all other life on Earth dies. Phytoplankton is under threat from oil spills, toxic gas fumes and plastic (a bi-product of oil). We rely on our oceans for food, which now, like most humans, contains microplastics. Seismic testing injures and kills fish and other sea animals such as whales. We rely on Whales to farm the oceans. They are the sea farmers. Every Whale feeds on Phytoplankton and is responsible for its regrowth by producing high quality fertiliser, while storing carbon on the sea floor. There are many things we are yet to discover about phytoplankton and Zooplankton but that algae produces a huge part of the oxygen we breathe. What I have stated may seem like the obvious but corporations chasing oil and gas ignore these facts and now there is concern that the sea floor could be the next gold-rush for vital minerals and that would be catastrophic for life on Earth. We only have this planet and all life by chance. Why would we risk that so that some billionaires can make more money?

Money is the token that makes our economy work but without our oceans, forests and nature's complexity, we have no economy.

A global Treaty to protect our oceans is vital if we are to sustain life on Earth.

Full name: David Leigh

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are destroying our oceans. Killing off massive amounts of fish and killing their habitats. The oceans are like our lungs of the world and every bit of damage we do to them hurts us.

Full name: Gareth Taylor

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean is where life started on earth and we must protect it always.

Full name: Nychelle Hanlon

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

I want 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 must do this before it's too late. Protections are vital. Humans have destroyed much of the world's habitat for selfish reasons - dont let this happen here too.

Full name: Valda Kirwan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the impact of ocean life and as a consequence human lives would be dire if we didn't.

Full name: Dave Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to preserve and protect the oceans. There is so much more to learn and understand about this huge body of water and if it is not protected- all the knowledge will be lost.



Full name: Amy Verdoorn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we can no longer ignore that our health and wellbeing is vitally connected with that of our ecosystem, including the seas around us. We, humans, are linked to all forms of life. The loss of one small link impacts us all via a complex chain reaction. We need to stop acting as if we can do anything without ramifications to this planet. It is time we stand and be good wise stewards for all of this planet and all of its life forms. We actually have no choice, for to act otherwise is to condemn all mankind to a slow and agonising death. Please stop the degradation of our seas now and secure safe places for our marine life and the water itself to flourish. Decisions like these will have a domino effect with the potential benefits for generations to come.

Full name: Michael Kerans

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it significantly contributes to preventing extreme effects due to climate change, the grim reaper of my generation and all living things on our beautiful Earth.

Full name: Bella Waide

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the survival of the planet as we know it, including civilized human life, depends mainly on us humans maintenance of healthy oceans.

Right now as humanity is failing in this responsibility it is vital that your Government works with others to immediately reverse the degradation, starting with the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty!

Full name: Christopher ELFORD

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean is a fundamental part of Australia's identity, heritage and future. It defines who we are as a nation and the role we play as global citizens. The oceans that surround us contain immeasurable richness and wealth from the (threatened) Great Barrier to Ningaloo Reefs, Lord Howe Island, Shark Bay and countless other locations that nurture and sustain an incredibly rich and important eco-system. By ratifying the Treaty we are making a clear statement of intent that Australia cares about its natural environment and is committed to its protection and restoration. Through this, we also demonstrate the importance of all the Earth's oceans and the need to protect and preserve as much as possible. We should also note the role that mangroves and sea grasses play in carbon sequestration, water filtration, biodiversity protection and storm surge minimisation which are increasingly critical tools to mitigate climate change. I urge the Australian Government to make an important global statement by ratifying the Treaty and showing early leadership to other like-minded friends and nations. Thank you

Full name: Tim Crabtree

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the marine environment on this planet is sorely neglected due to an out-of-sight-out-of-mind attitude taken by so many corporations, governments & people. The biodiversity is fragile and critical all at once, yet is the on the receiving end of so much of this world's waste.

Furthermore, due to the shared nature of the oceans, the fallout consequences of excessive abuse by one nation can impact so many others, if not all. That is why a collective treaty is vital.

Full name: Nick Godsell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because further interference with ocean (and land) ecology needs to cease right now. even though it is, in some cases, too late.

Margaret Files

Full name: Margaret Files

To the Committee Secretary, I am requesting the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. As a prominent and wealthy country, we can show the way to protect the oceans, the ecosystems that are contained within, and that are essential in sustaining all life on earth.

Thanks you for your attention

Heather Barnes

Full name: Heather Barnes

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the marine life depends on us

Full name: Judy HARTRIDGE

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans and all sea life who live within the oceans are extremely important to our planet. Our oceans need to be protected. PROTECT THE OCEAN.

Full name: Liana Della Santa

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are precious. We need to ensure no more marine life are impacted by humans.

Full name: Gail Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's time to stop plundering and polluting our oceans. It's also long overdue for us humans to realise that we depend on healthy ecosystems.

Full name: Theres Dreher

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because taking action immediately is the only logical pathway to continuing to protect our oceans, creatures of the water and ultimately, our world.

I have lived by water for much of my life, which is a joyful experience for most Australians. It provides enormous resources but requires respectful management so the beauty and recreational benefits are realised into the future.

Australia should be leading the world in environmental protection giving our reliance upon and character defined by our country. This is the opportunity to demonstrate our character as a nation, and celebrate the many opportunities that brought this ability to understand the global Situation as more critical than partisanship

our opportunities for independent, responsible stewardship of our world lie with forging this virtue in the international environment

Full name: Denise MacGregor

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect our oceans to maintain and preserve the delicate ecosystems that make up the earth if we wish to survive as a species. It's that simple. We must take action now so that we can have a future, your actions will be a part of the few that define the human race. Be better, aime higher, treat the earth and all it provides for us with respect and do your duty to it and to us to protect it and the oceans properly!

Full name: Calista Lewis

To the Committee Secretary,

I want the Australian Government to very urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty not only because the ocean and oceanic life plays the most critical role in protecting our climate but because it is critical to start making amends to the decades long damage we have done to the planet.

This is your time to start acting. This is not a success in itself. Its a start. If we dont act strongly now. Your kids wont have a future. Its just as simple as that.

Full name: Rahul Swaminathan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because functioning marine ecosystems are essential to life on our planet. Many people depend on the oceans as a source of food. They will not continue to produce sustenance for people if they are not protected from overfishing and, mining, and other forms of exploitation from greedy corporations and states. We must protect the richness of life found in our oceans.

Full name: Alistair Nairn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because. think think think. Of the future. Not some rich asshole with hidden agendas. money money money....if only we as a species . Thought things through .not blind sided buy big business. Who are always got more say than us mere poor mortals

Full name: Darren Fisher

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because there is no greater chance of protecting the ocean than to have an international agreement that binds our decision makers to action. The eyes of future generations look towards us to keep oceans - the life support system for the entire planet safe, healthy and teeming with possibility.

Full name: John Gemmill

To the Committee Secretary,

As a concerned citizen I ask you the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty immediately. We must have coordinated international action to protect our oceans and planet. We have no other option but to do this immediately.

Regards  
Charlie Bell

Full name: Charlie Bell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our marine environment needs urgent protection from overfishing and pollution. It is extremely important for all life

on earth. Our oceans are too valuable and beautiful to take for granted.

Full name: Bec Brown

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if we don't protect our environment we will die out as a species fairly soon. Maybe that would be a good thing, but we should NOT condemn the other earthly inhabitants to the same fate because of our greed.

Full name: Adele pop Nangle

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it may mitigate some of the damage the human race is inflicting on the oceans, from direct pollution, micro plastics and general rubbish, the impact of fossil fuel generated global climate change and over fishing.

When I walk along the beaches of NSW the evidence of our effect on the oceans is washed up for all to see

The oceans drive climate and major changes are already taking place to the ocean flows increasing stress on all living creatures on land and sea.

Thank you for considering taking steps to slow the destruction of the planet.

Full name: Peter Kenchington



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is the correct thing to do.

Full name: Peter Fairbairn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this is a chance to protect our oceans for future generations.

If we don't protect our oceans, there will be irreparable damage.

Thanks, Andrea

Full name: Andrea Soler

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are already under severe threat from plastic and other pollution, overfishing and now the risk of deep sea mining. As the earth is already close to tipping point with respect to climate change, please take this one small step that could potentially set us on the right path. For the sake of future generations of all species, and a chance for a decent life for our own children and grandchildren, please do right thing.

Full name: Marion O'Leary

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean needs it, and we need it. The ocean is a vital carbon sink, an already critically endangered ecosystem, and what could be (if managed correctly) a vital food source as climate change makes farming in Australia less and less viable. Tourists also come from all over the world to see what's left of our reefs so yes, there's money to be made too. Woodside and co have already extracted enough money from us already, so I reckon we can probably stop looking for still yet even more gas to cook the planet with

Full name: Tim Ashworth

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without healthy oceans there is no healthy earth! .There is only one earth.

Full name: Lisa Ghofur

To the Committee Secretary, I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we cannot live without the ocean!

Full name: Nadia Turba

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the

world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains! Healthy oceans are essential to a healthy planet. We must take urgent action to protect our oceans and the wealth of animal diversity within them.

Full name: Karon Lekeu

To the Committee Secretary, I believe this will be a life changing ratification by our government for huge areas of the oceans and absolutely vital to ongoing survival on this planet for most species (including humans).

Please ratify!  
Regards,  
Peter Carroll

Full name: Peter Carroll

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want our future generations to observe what I have observed in my life time.

Full name: Leigh Acfield

To the Committee Secretary, I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because having healthy, thriving oceans is necessary for the continued existence of the of all living beings, both now and into the future.

Full name: YVONNE PASCOE

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protecting our oceans and its flora and fauna should be a priority.

Full name: Terri Kolb

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if we care for country it will care for us. And at the moment it's treated as a mine and a dumping ground. I want fishing that's more like dredging ended and I'm sick of swimming in plastic and rubbish at once pristine beaches. And of course ocean creatures are amazing and beautiful.

Full name: Jillian Reid

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is vital to the health of all of us living creatures on this planet and for our very future

Full name: Lisa Dixon

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are the blood lines of the planet. The ocean and all those who dwell in its depths deserves our respect and custodianship. All too often we are disrespectful using it as a waste dump to dilute terrestrial pollution problems with garbage, radioactive and petrochemical waste. We show no respect for the marine life and actively pursue commercial species by overharvesting until there is so little left it is no longer economically viable. We care little for the collateral damage our ocean usage causes. Keystone species, those that are the umbrellas for others, are disregarded causing ecological collapse, at a scale researchers cannot keep up with.

A ratified Global Ocean Treaty is a way to create a uniform approach to a healthy, thriving ocean for all. Protecting a minimum of 30% we can begin the repair process - as an island nation we have a responsibility to ourselves and our Pacifica neighbours to be a part of this treaty within the next 12 months. Starting with a high seas marine sanctuary between the our sister island nation Aotearoa we will make a global impact to protect our backyard. Adding to this will be protect of the Lord Howe Rise and the south Tasman Sea region. A formidable sanctuary for a rich diversity of marine life.

We need to demonstrate as a Nation we believe what we have is worth protecting for petuity. Choosing not to protect by failing to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty leaves us as vulnerable as Pacifica nations who rely on our voice, protection and support. We will become increasingly vulnerable to outside pressures, as much as the ocean we chose not to protect, if we do chose not to ratify - no one will come to our aid.

Full name: clare borchers

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the devastation, destruction, extinctions & overwhelming pollution must not be allowed to continue. If urgent action is not taken now, it will be too late.

Full name: Tommi Kimber

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because science beats politics. Do what's right for the planet and its inhabitants.

Full name: J.J. Jones

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it will not only protect species under threat but help protect the ocean from being ravaged by corporate interests only interested in profits.

Oceans are vital to the earth's ecosystem. There's no use making a few super wealthy while they kill the earth for profit.

Our children and their children for generations to come need this action now. Please ratify this treaty now to protect as much ocean as possible.

Full name: Dianne Dancer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to save our depleting oceans for the future of everyone

Full name: Gwyneth Douth

To the Committee Secretary,

I am making a request to the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty by June 2025 to ensure the protection of 30% of the global ocean by 2030.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline MacDonald

Full name: Jacqueline MacDonald

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are crucial to the health and well being of our planet and future generations. I wish you could protect more than 30% of them. This seems now about protecting big business operations than the oceans themselves. Over fishing and food wastage is a disgusting problem. Not to mention the polluting of the waters

Full name: Genevieve Lemon

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this will protect 30% of the world's oceans and the marine life that lives within it. Please act to protect our precious

oceans

Full name: Frances Rogan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because somehow we need to wake up that isn't relative, that only making decisions on preservation must be now. Please save the oceans it's creatures our source of oxygen, please act now.

Full name: Suesy Circosta

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans are the source of all life, we already have too many ocean species on the brink of extinction and ocean activity by humans with the profit and greed disease that must stop. Not to mention the plastic pollution in our oceans.

Full name: Rick Shulver

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans need protection to restore for generations to come.

Full name: Tamsin Baker



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protecting our ocean ecosystem is a matter of urgency. We can't replace species when they disappear and we need to keep the ecosystem in balance for our wellbeing. There is also an economic benefit as our oceans contribute the tourism industry in Australia. We can make the tourism industry sustainable so that revenue will be long term

Full name: Julie Evans

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's so important to act now to preserve our resources for the future AND allow other species to co-exist with us.

Full name: Paul Warwick

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's the right thing to do

Full name: Anthony Scurrah

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to safeguard our oceans, giving our marine life a chance to survive - saving ourselves in the process.

Full name: Jahanzeb Azim

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it'll make a positive difference for my future and others.

Full name: Rachael Malone

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because for decades fish numbers have been falling due to greedy and inappropriate practices.

Marine life need protection to protect future food supplies and to protect the marine ecosystems that contribute to our planets health.

Australia can continue to lead the world by declaring more marine parks and protecting precious marine species.

A global ocean treaty will enhance out conservation efforts at home

Full name: Stephen Murphy

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is of the highest importance to our environment.

Full name: m h

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because very little of the world's oceans are protected and overexploitation of resources in international and other oceans places us, the environment, and our planet at great risk. Ocean sanctuaries are an essential element necessary to provide a safe environment where marine life can recover from the impact of past and current exploitation. I believe that there is no time to waste and urge the Australian Government to act now to ratify this important treaty.

Full name: Terry Farr

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must protect this area for future generations.

Full name: Judith Cornish

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is vital to protect our maritime fauna and flora for generations to come

Full name: John Odgers

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to make the oceans safe for ALL species so that they continue to survive and thrive.

Full name: Sigrid Lublow

To the Committee Secretary,  
I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is imperative that we protect the world's oceans and the creatures that live in them.

I have been fortunate to grow up by the ocean, and experienced the joy of raising my children on NSW stunning northern beaches. Some of their fondest memories are of swimming with rays, watching turtles laying eggs, spotting pods of whales migrating along the coast, and watching a dolphin with her calf.

It is our responsibility to ensure future generations will also have the opportunity to experience these wonderful creatures of the ocean.

The Global Ocean Treaty will be a powerful tool for protecting the high seas but it must be ratified no later than June 2025, to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Australia has a responsibility to join the estimated 60 other countries of the world to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty - we must do this for the children.

Kindest regards,  
Kirsten Redmond

Full name: Kirsten Redmond

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are our hidden lung, capturing carbon at scale, so we need to protect them absolutely

Full name: Arnaud Dumont

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want a vibrant future for my children and not one pillaged by my generation.

Full name: Marcus Coghlan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I care about the health of our oceans. Our marine life is threatened by pollution, plastics, shipping and overfishing. We need to save our oceans from these stresses for the benefit of the planet.

Full name: Richard Finlay-Jones

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we ONLY have ONE earth to leave to our children. please save our planet .thank you Robert Randle

Full name: robert randle

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because  
We have a duty to protect our oceans wildlife & that must take priority for the well being and protection of a future for ALL living beings on this planet.

Full name: Lesley Carbis

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because, it is a sad indictment, of our political system that governments need prompting on such crucial issues as the well being of our planet.

Full name: Marino Tagliapietra

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the future of the whole planet depends on it.

Full name: Magdalena Kieres

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are running out of time to protect this environment from corporate exploitation. Protect this asset for future generations and all the creatures that live in it.

Full name: Nikolaus Bergman

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are precious, support life of countless forms and act as a last line of defence against the disastrous effects of climate change. Once the oceans get too warm (and polluted), we are all in big big trouble.

Full name: Guy Barnwell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the Oceans are essential to the planet's health. We need to protect the oceans as we should be protecting every single

amazing environment. We not only depend on the oceans for a large proportion of sustainable food production but there are thousands of individual species, each so wonderful and so important to their own eco system. Humans have knocked so much off balance, we have polluted the planet and are very lucky to have a chance to not make it worse and maybe reverse some of that damage. There are thousands of species I'm sure which are now extinct because of us. Please, please do what you can to protect these beautiful waters, for the sake of the life that lives in the oceans but also our children, grandchildren and all future generations.

Full name: Lynette Williams

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I care about ocean creatures and the environment.

Kind regards

Laila de Man

Full name: Laila de Man

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans are the platform of all terrestrial life, food supply for much of the human race, and at serious risk of loss of species diversity due to over-fishing, habitat damage & acidification.

Full name: Don Mcallister



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the overfishing and global warming having such a disastrous effect on such an important ecosystem. I think every person on the planet should try to make it a better place than we found it for future generations.

Full name: Hiske Wassink

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because  
Daniel Forestier

Full name: Daniel Forestier

GOD created this planet and the living beings therein. We humans are stewards of this planet.

Full name: Bassam Imam

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently

ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I want my grandchildren to have the joy of swimming in an unspoiled ocean.

Full name: Andrew Leckie

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I believe it is the least we can do to create a safe future for oceanic biodiversity.

Full name: Elliott Orr

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because  
We need the ocean to be looked after and protected.  
There is enough pollution and damage to the Oceans now.  
With over fishing . If the ocean dies so dose mankind

Full name: Ray Loader

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the situation of our oceans and marine life is urgent. What we do today will affect animal and human lives for centuries.

Full name: Paul Smit

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our sealife as every creature has it's job to do and so do we and that's protecting our environment

Full name: Deborah Reynolds

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is helping save our species and many other animals, it is the right thing to do

Full name: John Littleton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to help protect our future and our health

Full name: Lucy Usher

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I do not want humanity destroy our oceans like we have destroyed most of our lands. Businesses cannot be trusted to operate sustainably and will always do the wrong thing - they have shown this again and again.

Richard

Full name: Richard Whitfield

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a living entity requiring the whole world to take care and respect it, locally it is an iconic part of Australia no matter what coast you look from.

Full name: Jean Tally

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because  
The health and welfare of your seas and their inhabitants effects us all.

Full name: Susan Moore

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because many millions of people worldwide rely on the sea for their livelihood and it has been shown in many protected areas that the protection has led to greater fish and seafood numbers in only a matter of years in the areas directly outside the protection zones, and hence; increased catches for the fisheries.

The oceans also regulate our climate and provide a massive boost to tourism globally. We all want to swim in clean, unpolluted seas full of wonderful wildlife. So it is a no brainer that we should protect this amazing environment from damage from over fishing to deep sea mining to plastic pollution and other pollutant spills.

I recommend that governments worldwide protect a minimum of 30% of the oceans from all industrial actions, especially those parts that are important for tourism and breeding.

Full name: Richard Smart

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are already under threat from climate change and pollution, especially plastic pollution. They are the major food source of millions of people. I live on an island and want to continue to see healthy dolphins, turtles and sea birds.

Full name: Glenn Flenady

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean are the lungs of our planet and a most precious part of our ecosystem not to mention a magical place that we have no right to damage. Oceans have given us so much. Show respect. Don't damage it with human exploitation and ignorance and bigotry. Clean up the ocean.

Full name: Hannah Carleton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's the right thing to do, we all share this planet and we must look after it for the ones that can't

Full name: Jack Casey

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are the heart of the planet. All life depends on having healthy oceans.

Full name: Culum Brown

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because protection of our oceans and its myriad inhabitants is vital to the planet as a whole. We have to find solutions to protect it against currently legal and illegal decimation. Please do everything you can to protect it. We cannot eat money at the end of the day. The wealth of our planet is in its magnificent diversity. We have allowed its destruction to go on for far too long. Thank you for doing what is right for now and the future!!

Full name: Lisa Bunn

To the Committee Secretary,

Our oceans and planet need protection.

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty and do everything you can to protect our oceans and our planet.

Full name: Shawn Hughes

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we all share the world that the ocean "creates!" And, if it goes bad, we go bad!

Full name: Mitchell Dormont

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it's too late for just talking. The time for action is now. Get a move on and DO something. This Treaty is critical to the health of the planet and every living entity upon it.

Full name: Simon Mugford

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans deserve a future. Destroying the environment will hurt everyone.

Full name: Nicola Remington

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because unless we move quickly and decisively to really protect a significant proportion of our oceans the consequences will be an extinction level breakdown in our ecosystem in the near future. Please help prevent it.

Full name: Michael Fitzgerald

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because doing so will give federal Labor some environmental credibility and our maritime surrounds a degree of protection and recognition.

Full name: Rodney diggens



To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without protection they will become even more degraded and depleted than they already are! Having dived for the past 25 years I can assure you that what we are seeing and as importantly not seeing is alarming to say the least. For the sake of all of us this must be done. Thankyou  
Warren Smith

Full name: Warren Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we are keen divers and snorkellers and we see how badly other parts of the world treat their oceans. They need our help and we need to keep doing our part and be leaders in conservation, not followers or delinquents  
Yours sincerely  
Rosanne McMahon

Full name: Rosanne McMahon

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean affects all of us, the climate on earth as well as the plants and animals in the oceans

Full name: Tania Orum

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I feel it most important to safeguard our oceans and aquatic species. The ocean needs protections of all manners, to protect corals to whales. The oceans are a vast wealth of value, and that value cannot be lost. Please continue with the Global Ocean Treaty in order to protect this vast asset.

Full name: alan Joseph

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans need protection from over fishing and the mindless exploitation of its natural resources at the detriment to all the living creatures that is their home

Full name: Barry Silver

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the oceans are in trouble, with plastics and pollution. It is VITALLY important that Australia sign this treaty to help protect fish populations and other sea life. Humanities survival depends on healthy oceans.

PLEASE RATIFY THIS TREATY

Regards,  
Ingrid

Full name: Ingrid Anderson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because oceans and marine life are already at great risk with surfaces temperatures and acidity continually rising as a result of human-induced climate change. Oceans are the bedrock of a staple climate and for too long we have simply used them as dumping grounds. Overfishing is also something that must be addressed. Our own survival is at stake.

Full name: Jennifer Cullen

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because ,the least we can do is protect 30% of our oceans and all creatures within. SURELY!

Full name: Robert Stone

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because this Treaty will help safeguard what is left of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home.

We have decimated the oceans and this Treaty will go some way in protecting what is left.

I implore your commitment to this Treaty.

Full name: Kym Dolan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans and all that live in them should be safe from human abuse

Full name: Catherine Mifsud

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is a no brainer!!!and beyond comprehension that we would not ratify a treaty.

Full name: Wayne Harpur

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need clean oceans healthy oceans with no industry to secure our future on Earth. We need governments to stand opposed to fossil fuel industries ravaging both our terrestrial and oceanic areas. We need governments to listen to the people, not vested interests. At present we do not have these governments and it is plainly obvious who is pulling the strings of our leaders. You are meant to protect us against these rapacious corporations, not join in with them. Stand up for the planet, its animals on land and sea, show some morals and courage.

Full name: Colleen O'Loughlin

To the Committee Secretary,

The Global Ocean Treaty is one of the biggest global conservation efforts in history.

The Australian Government needs to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as it is a powerful tool for protecting the high seas.

This Treaty will help safeguard 30% of the world's oceans and the multitude of marine species that call them home - from Antipodean albatross seabirds, to endangered South Pacific humpback whales, even magnificent cold-water corals that live on underwater mountains!

It must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

We count on you to make it happen.

Kind regards,

Dr Valerie Boll

Full name: Valerie Boll

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans are our life force. Without the biodiversity within them we are nothing.

We all have to live together - the oceans and the sealife are all connected regardless of what continent or country we live in. We have to protect it at all costs for our future and the generations to follow.

Full name: Suzanne Hopkins

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the planet needs us to be responsible.

Full name: Ken Wilson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I fear this precious planet will pass a tipping point and become uninhabitable

Full name: Hilary dyce

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because what would my grandkids and future generations know about our beautiful oceans and scores of marine species if we don't help our gorgeous oceans and beautiful sea creatures which are important to our world.

Full name: Susan Cayley

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is the only chance we have of saving the oceans and its myriad life. We rely on the ocean and cannot keep trashing it with mining, pollution and overfishing.

Full name: Frances Bell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we must do everything we can NOW to conserve and protect the Worlds oceans (including all the living matter within them) against global warming and overuse.

Full name: Georgina Simmonds

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect our oceans for many years into the future. Without our oceans we cannot survive. If someone else had the power over our future to decide if we were worth saving or not we would all hope that the choice would be made that save us as our lives matter. So do the lives of all the animals within our ocean and it is our job to protect them.

Full name: Matilda Barkma

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our planet is dying

Full name: maureen simpson

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we need to protect the ocean and we need to do it now.

Full name: Jason Morrison

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because it is vital to set aside fishing and pressure free areas for sustainability of the oceans into the future.

Full name: Helen Palmer

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans sustain life. We have done horrendous damage to our ecosystems in the ocean and we have a moral responsibility to repair and regenerate what we can for future generations. Ocean acidity will not support life. By protecting 30% of the ocean we can start to heal these areas and promote life. It's an amazing opportunity to reverse pollution and death of ecosystems and allow life and regeneration. Please do the right thing by yourself, by us and by nature. Jenny Jones

Full name: Jennifer Jones



To the Committee Secretary, I would appreciate the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty as I believe it is an essential step for the conservation of the world we live in: the health of the Oceans are critical to human survival.

Thank you

Full name: Mayriel Luke

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because they are in dire need of protection from human activity such as Overfishing, Plastic Pollution, Climate Change, Deep Sea mining & Fossil Fuel Exploration. Only a Global Effort can achieve real change and progress in the health of our oceans.

Full name: Heike Weber

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the environment is the single most important thing as it affects everything. If this can help in any way and I believe it can, it is essential we do it.

Full name: adam burton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I believe its the most significant global ocean conservation Effort of our lifetime. Above climate change and we need healthy oceans for ever.

Full name: David Smith

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans need to thrive so we can survive. I want Australia to be leaders in protecting ecology.

Full name: Lynne Butler

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because every effort to protect our oceans with our international partners will go a long way to strengthen our overall environmental goals in a positive manner.

Full name: Bruce Wright

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our oceans need protection. That's all.

Full name: Jessica Mangarelli

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because aquatic flora and fauna are an essential part of our ecosystem as a whole. We need health worldwide for a stable and prosperous future.

Full name: Matthew Cook

To the Committee Secretary, I want the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because if we screw up our oceans we are dead.

Full name: Joe Lenzo

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the ocean and its inhabitants matter.

Full name: Brianna Collins

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we have to protect and conserve our ocean. Healthy, thriving oceans are essential for all life.

Full name: Celeste Watt

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because our nature World had to be saved

Full name: Irene Coenraads

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. We MUST protect our oceans as well as our forests.

Greed is out of control and it's up to us to protect them. Can you imagine an ocean with no life in it, a forest with no leaves. Just think what a world would be like for our kids, grandkids and great grandkids.

The world is already out of balance and we must protect, protect, protect.

PLEASE

Full name: Lyn Ciurleo

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because life on Earth is depending on healthy nature! And one of our unique treasures in Australia are the pristine beaches that became already rare on our planet.

Please give first priority to manifest the protection of the ocean beyond political games. Thank you,

Gabriele Jordan

Full name: Gabriele Jordan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty to protect our oceans.

Full name: Amelia Sturrock

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because without healthy oceans we have no economy and everyone's lives will suffer.

Full name: Mark Powell

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the health of the oceans determines the health of our planet as a whole.

Full name: Neal Salan

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because its clearly the right thing to do, seems you find it difficult to do what's just and desperately needed these days!

Full name: Deb Paton

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because I care about this planet and I want to give it to the next generation in its full glory not as a broken place for them to suffer in.

Full name: Pema Lhamo

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because all marine life need havens to be able to reproduce and have enough time for the offspring to thrive.

We have literally decimated most valuable marine food stock, ie 90% of the populations have been over harvested. Equally disturbing by catching the largest fish the gene pool has been diminished. We need to allow prize sized fish to survive and produce good sized offspring. So not only have we got less overall fish to catch but many species adult sizes are getting smaller.

Let's have fish sanctuaries and evidence based catching seasons and other sustainable fishing practices.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Figliuolo

Full name: Joseph Figliuolo

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because conserving marine life in international waters is crucially important to biodiversity and maintaining the health of our oceans. We rely on the oceans for clean water and fish to eat. We have a responsibility to protect the ecosystems that are being threatened by human activity such as deep sea mining, pollution and overfishing.

Full name: Lucy Osborn

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because we simply can't let conditions in our aquatic lungs deteriorate further. Their state of ill health is all human-made and we must act now to repair things.  
Sincerely,

Dr Lisa Stefanoff

Full name: Dr Lisa Stefanoff

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because the planet is all one whole and all parts are interdependent.

Full name: Ailsa Jean

To the Committee Secretary, I would like the Australian Government to urgently ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because obviously it is an integral part of the earths eco system. Our oceans are already polluted with plastic and destruction from humans. We desperately need to look after our ocean and maintain the homes for millions of our animals.

Full name: Tracey Green

To the Committee Secretary,

Ocean protection affects all of us, here in Australia. Our own backyard must be conserved for the sake of the environment and the population, which is why we must ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. I remember visiting the Great Barrier Reef a few years ago, and it was nothing short of depressing. Colourless coral, lone animals in what was once a thriving, bustling ecosystem. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.



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, hear our voices.

Full name: Alexis Tremoulis

To the Committee Secretary,  
Please, please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty now! And vote against Deep Sea Mining on behalf of Australia. Has Scott Morrison signed anything with America? If so, as quickly as possible get our best legal people to get it voided immediately. Heavens! If that truly horrible tyrannical being called "Trump" gets in to be US President again, and we haven't ratified the G.O.T., he will trample all over us, not just the U.S., to do what he wants, especially as his lickspittle Supreme Court has ruled that he is immune from prosecution.

Full name: Lorraine Lane

To the Committee Secretary, we must do this to protect our oceans for the future of the planet and humanity

Full name: Peter Green

To the Committee Secretary, oceans contain some of our last wildernesses. The health and biodiversity of the oceans are pivotal to planetary stability and human survival. Please ratify this Treaty now.

Full name: Stephanie Abbott

To the Committee Secretary,

Dear Sir/Madame,

As someone who has spent some time out on the ocean (Bass Strait) I've developed a deep respect for the organisms that live and survive within it, not to mention its inherent beauty.

Now, more than ever, its fragility is becoming apparent with the onset of climate change. The maintenance of this vast global, hitherto stable, ecosystem should be core to our concerns and indeed ultimate survival.

As far back as 1970 it was considered that a mere 1oC rise in ocean temperature was significant: now in 2024 we know that it is and that its huge thermal inertia is beginning to play out in more turbulent weather events, directly effecting humans and ecosystems.

Not sure whether the intent of a treaty will link climate to preservation of ecosystems: it probably needs to. In any event Australia needs to do more on both fronts and much, much more on climate.

Here's hoping the global "team" can do something inspiring.

Yours sincerely,  
David Lindner

Full name: David Lindner

To the Committee Secretary,

The Ocean/Earth is our most vital resource, please do what you can to protect it.

Full name: Erika White

To the Committee Secretary,

To the Committee Secretary,

The global ocean is vital to life on and all governments need to protect international waters by implementing The Global Ocean Treaty which 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.

Thank you.

Full name: Jim Malone

To the Committee Secretary,

The global ocean is important to me because life on earth cannot exist without it. All governments need to protect international waters by implementing The Global Ocean Treaty which 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: Rita O'Sullivan

To the Committee Secretary,

Do what's right for our oceans, future and the planet, ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Give us all a future, show us you care about more than just yourselves and do your part in protecting international oceans

Full name: Christopher Baran

To the Committee Secretary,

We have to save the oceans - if they die so do we! It is imperative to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Full name: June Robson

To the Committee Secretary,

Protecting the oceans is a vitally important matter for all generations, present and emerging.

As a family we spend as much time near the water as we can, and appreciate the abundance of life that exists within them. My youngest daughter hopes one day to work sea animal rescue, she has a true love for the ocean.

It is within human power to protect the oceans with robust rules and sufficient authority to make sure that while commercial operations exist in ocean areas, they are not permitted to exploit in an unsustainable way.

Likewise, are responsibility to protect the oceans from pollution is self-evident.

I would like to recommend the Global Ocean Treaty as a powerful tool for protecting the high seas, it is important to stress that it must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Thank you for your attention in this very important subject,

Kind Regards,  
Jason MacQuarrie + family

Full name: Jason MacQuarrie

To the Committee Secretary,  
our oceans are part of our global ecosystem and environment and must be  
protected by legally binding regulations. keeping the oceans pristine is essential  
for our survival on this planet.our government must ratify the Global Ocean  
Treaty.

Full name: george mercier

To the Committee Secretary,  
We need to protect our oceans as much as possible both for the animals and  
plants that currently live in them as well as for the enjoyment of future  
generations. I 100% encourage the Australian Government endorsing and ratifying  
this global treaty and call on you to do so as quickly as possible!

Full name: Ken F

To keep the way of life on Earth. Future food in a sustainable way. Climate in the

ocean not over melting. For people decades to come. Over fishing means we have nothing leftover. Future seasons and seafood needs sustainable development now.

Full name: Shane Leyk

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like the Australian government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty because:

Oceans that are healthy, clean and with flourishing marine ecosystems are vital in reducing global warming.

The oceans are central to stabilizing the Earth's climate. 50-80% of the earth's oxygen comes from oceans. The oceans absorb 25% of all carbon dioxide emissions and captures 90% of excess heat generated by these emissions.

Flourishing oceans with in-tact marine eco-systems are essential to help oxygenate, cool and prevent increased warming of a planet already perilously too hot.

Whales, need healthy oceans to exist, to flourish and in turn whales are responsible for storing massive amounts of carbon, as long ss we look after their habitats;oceans.

Healthy, flourishing oceans are intrinsically valuable. They are beautiful. The marine wildlife is beautiful. Our oceans provide massive opportunities for physically and mentally healthy pursuits.

Our oceans are invaluable for the health of humans and wildlife. Yet, we pollute them with rubbish, plastics and microplastics and chemicals. Cruise ships and deep sea mining are damaging and killing already threatened oceans and wildlife.

Australia must show leadership in protecting, preserving and rehabilitating oceans - if not our species, humans will become extinct.

Yours sincerely  
Fiona Webb

Full name: Fiona Webb

To the Committee Secretary, the reason I believe we should protect the ocean is simple.

I am 18. I want to be able to witness in my old age, the beauty of nature.

Just because I do not inhabit the vast body of water does not mean that its destruction does not affect me. The ocean covers over 70% of the worlds mass. It is all around us, and gives life to millions of diverse flora and fauna.

For instance, sea algae is responsible for approximately 70% of atmospheric oxygen.

If you want your children, and your children's children to live in a safe, happy and inhabitable world...

You'll do whatever you can, immediately. You're the only ones who can make a meaningful difference.

Thank you.

Full name: Lili Thomas Thomas

To the Committee Secretary,

Surely a reading of Sir David Attenborough's book, A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future (2020) and Danielle Celermajer's book, Summertime: Reflections on a Vanishing Future (2021) are sufficient for one to realise that the future of life on Earth is currently

in grave crisis. I recall the Australian poet Judith Wright's Introduction to the first edition of her book, *The Coral Battleground*, which was published in 1977 and reprinted in a new edition (with various preambles) in 2014:

This story has no real beginning and no one knows what its end will be. It is a part of the history of the Great Barrier Reef, that great complex structure of coral reefs and living organisms that stretches 1200 miles along the coastline of Queensland, sometimes near the shore, sometimes many miles out to sea, in a scattered or concentrated succession all the way from the northern tip of Fraser Island to beyond Cape York in the north. The Reef's story goes back far beyond the time when Cook's Endeavour found its way northwards to Torres Strait and the first white men stared down in awe at its crags and underwater gardens, and navigated among them as reef after reef threatened their keels.

Flowers turned to stone! Not all the botany  
Of Joseph Banks, hung pensive in a porthole,  
Could find the Latin for this loveliness,  
Could put the Barrier Reef in a glass box  
Tagged by the horrid Gorgon squint  
Of horticulture. Stone turned to flowers  
It seemed — you'd snap a crystal twig,  
One petal even of the water-garden  
And have it dying like a cherry-bough.

"Five Visions of Captain Cook",  
Kenneth Slessor

Ever since that voyage of the Endeavour, ships have passed through the Reef's waters between the coastline and the Outer Barrier, and many of them have been lost. From the wooden sailing-ships to today's great steamships, cargo vessels, and now the huge tankers, they fear the Reef and its treacherous waters and weather. But if the Great Barrier Reef could think, it would fear us more. We have its fate in our hands, and slowly but surely as the years go on, we are destroying those great 'water-gardens', lovely indeed as cherry-boughs in flower under their once-clear sea, but far more complex, far more alive, teeming with myriads of varied animal lives. The Great Barrier Reef has killed many ships and men over the years; but it has drawn and fascinated everyone who has ever seen it, and men have fallen in love with it as well as despoiled it. This is the story of the battle of a few people who loved it; the battle to save that thousand-mile stretch of incomparable beauty from the real destroyers — who are ourselves.

The story will say little of the Reef itself. It is a political story, but also it is a story of people in their interactions. Its complications stretch far beyond Australia, for the Reef has its enemies, and its lovers, in many countries and in the whole complicated structure of the world, its industry, its science and its commerce.

For many thousands of years it saw no men at all; the Aborigines were not seafarers and few if any of the Pacific Island voyagers can have been blown so far as to see it. But the Endeavour's voyage brought it into the world and exposed it to all the dangers of a civilisation that lives by exploiting everything in land and sea. The Reef will never be alone again until that world ends; and then it may not be a living assemblage. It may be a dead, blackened and crumbling hedge of limestone rock, its gardens withered and its creatures decimated.

Meanwhile, there is a story to be told.



Almost fifty years later and the Great Barrier Reef is now on the point of extinction. It is one of many such crises which are afflicting the natural world and for which we humans are responsible.

Towards the end of his life, the Cambridge literary critic F. R. Leavis (1895 — 1978) was reproached by one of his pupils for believing that the university could save our civilisation. In response, Leavis said: “But I don’t want to save our civilisation — on the contrary; I want to save humanity and life from it and its accelerating developments as it completes its conquest of our lives.” The greater battle now is a matter — profoundly urgent and decisive for all life on Earth — of trying to save the natural world from humanity. We are now on the verge not only of our own destruction but also, and more sadly and unconscionably, that of the other (innocent) creatures who inhabit the planet. In a letter to The Manchester Guardian on 15th December 1953, Leavis remarked: “... those who live on literature have reason to reflect whether their host may not be in danger of dying under them.” Not only our civilisation’s epitaph but also humanity’s.

D. H. Lawrence (of whom Leavis wrote in 1948: “Lawrence, in the English language, was the great genius of our time”) was aware of this crisis a century ago; and so, in Lawrence’s wake, was Leavis. In his last book, *Thought, Words and Creativity: Art and Thought in Lawrence* (1976), Leavis spoke of this crisis when he wrote of “the paradox to which [Lawrence] commits himself”.

Today, we are essentially oblivious of the demise of that which David Attenborough — after a lifetime of expressing his respect, admiration and affection for the natural world and its inhabitants — now at this late stage in his life exhorts us to protect. We are witnessing, amongst other things, the loss of one of the Great Natural Wonders of the World but are endlessly and mindlessly preoccupied merely with what Judith Wright called the world’s “industry, its science and its commerce”. “Vitality, the human race is dying. It is like a great uprooted tree, with its roots in the air. We must plant ourselves again in the universe” (DHL).

To ratify the Global Ocean Treaty is absolutely essential to any effort to try to halt the current destabilisation of our planet. We urge you to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Lynda and William Shearman.

Full name: Lynda and William Shearman

To the Committee Secretary,  
Ocean protection affects us all, including future generations.  
This is vitally important. Please ratify the global ocean treaty for the health of our world.

Full name: Wen Starr

To the Committee Secretary,

The human species is beginning to see the ramifications of prolific plastics and mining in the oceans. Creating ramifications that cost mass extinction, and reducing habitability worldwide. It is important to save the biodiversity that is needed for all life forms to flourish.

The Global Ocean Treaty could protect the seas and must be ratified by June 2025 to ensure 30% of the global ocean can be protected by 2030.

Please support The Global Ocean Treaty.

Kind regards,

Emily

Full name: Emily Reuter

To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to urge the committee to ratify the global ocean treaty. Given the current climate and the state of the oceans including over fishing, waste and plastic pollution to name a few, it is now more important than ever to ensure we have a large protected area of our oceans for sea life to thrive. Needless to say we are getting very close to a point of no return by losing species due to the reasons mentioned .

Kind regards

Mich

Full name: Mich Zeitoun

To the Committee Secretary,  
I am really concerned about the state of our global environment.  
Individuals can only do so much without the full support of their politicians.

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

Ratifying the Global Ocean Treaty would be a major step in the right direction.

Regards

Full name: Marc Kalifa

To the Committee Secretary, please ratify the global ocean treaty as oceans need to be protected to be healthy, and support ecosystems in oceans

Full name: Roger Brook

To the Committee Secretary, please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty. Doing so will tell the world and specifically young people that their elders who hold power over the planet are willing and able to use it for the right reasons.

Full name: Alayne Bowditch

To the Committee Secretary,

Oceans are everyone's, we need clean oceans for every living being. Every being is connected to each other. If one is missing, it affects everything. Please can you make the Global Ocean Treaty as a legal law? We should listen to each other and take the advice into account for peace and happiness...

Thank You and Kind Regards...

Serra Tütüncü  
A world lover...

Full name: Serra Tütüncü

To the Committee Secretary,

I am a 25 year old female from Victoria. I want the Australia Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty by June 2025. I love the ocean and I am always amazed at how beautiful and surreal our seas are every time I swim & snorkel in it every Summer.

And yet overfishing, climate change and plastic pollution are continuing to destroy our vulnerable ecosystems. Our precious ocean needs to be protected at all costs

This treaty will significantly help our marine life recover and thrive. Please ensure the global ambition to protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 becomes a reality.

Yours sincerely,

Jemma Caddell

Full name: Jemma Caddell

To the Committee Secretary,  
When it comes to climate change and the devastating environmental impacts that the world is facing, a united front of action is critical. I urge the Australian Government to ratify the Global Ocean Treaty before June 2025, to conserve 30% of the global oceans by 2030. As a young Australian, I am so proud of our beautiful ocean biodiversity, and I know we rely on it for our livelihoods. Protecting it will assure a food secure future for me and us all, and preserve our irreplaceable ocean life and biodiversity. The Global Ocean Treaty is an essential united front and Australia must do its part to protect the world's oceans!

Full name: Rosie Hildebrand

To the Committee Secretary,

You have an opportunity and a responsibility to the planet and future generations to ensure that global oceans are protected and nurtured.

Given that Earth's oceans cover more than 70% of its mass, contains 97% of all water, and is the living space of millions of aquatic flora and fauna, it is imperative that we ensure that the health and conservation of the global oceans becomes a matter of urgency.

It takes all nations in strong and sound agreement, and enduring commitment, to make laws with teeth that protect oceans from over-fishing, pollution and climate change.

I ask you to take this moment in history to make your positive mark and support the Global Ocean Treaty to its fullest extent.

Full name: Miira Kostava

To the Committee Secretary,

I support the Global Ocean Treaty which should be ratified and made legally binding by the Australian Government. The ocean is important to all life on earth but only a tiny fraction is adequately protected. Protecting at least 30% of global oceans as specified in the Treaty is an important conservation step that is necessary not just for nature but also for human health and livelihoods. I have witnessed mounds of plastic pollution and other waste on islands and seas around Malaysia and Indonesia, including sanctuaries that are the breeding grounds of marine life. I have also seen fishermen in those waters dumping buckets of rubbish into those waters. These same problems occur throughout the world's oceans, including over fishing, destruction of habitat and through the impacts of climate change. Moreover, marine life does not adhere to human-induced borders so protected areas must also cross borders. For conservation efforts in the oceans to succeed it is essential that governments work together. The Australian government must work quickly to ratify the Treaty so that it is legal before the next election and the appropriate protections can be implemented. Australia is a wealthy island nation so it should be a world-leader in conservation of the waters that surround it and set an example to other nations that will encourage them to follow.

Full name: Helen Bramley

To the Committee Secretary

Please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Our oceans desperately need protection.

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.

This Treaty is an essential tool to make the global ambition to protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 a reality.

But the Treaty's adoption does not mean that the work is done.

This powerful tool, which can be used to create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive, will only enter into force once at least 60 governments have brought it into law.

This why it is vital to ratify the Treaty as a priority before the next federal election to ensure it is completed by June 2025.

Furthermore, I believe it is also important that a high seas marine sanctuary is created between Australia and New Zealand to protect the rich biodiversity of the Lord Howe Rise and South Tasman Sea region.

I reiterate, please ratify the Global Ocean Treaty.

Regards

Julia Underhill

Full name: Julia Underhill