



HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

ACTION ALERT

Protect our marine life

The Australian Government, and in particular the Hon Tony Burke MP, the Environment Minister, is setting up a network of protected marine sanctuaries around our coast. Minister Burke is on the verge of deciding on the size and location of these sanctuaries in Australia's South West. As the first decision, it will set the standard for marine protection for the rest of Australia for the next ten to twenty years. The marine life of places like the Kimberley, the Top End, Cape York and much of Australia's east coast are depending on this decision too.

Australia's South West is home to huge numbers of unique species – many yet to be discovered. It provides crucial breeding and feeding grounds for fish, whales, turtles, sea lions and other sea creatures. It is also home to Australia's deepest waters, Australia's largest canyon, and Australia's largest mountain range - all below the waves. **Despite these extraordinary features, less than 1% of this area is protected.**

In the coming weeks, Minister Burke will decide on the level of protection that the Australian Government will offer this extraordinary world-class environment. We need to ensure that the highest standards of marine science and conservation are adopted, and a network of large marine sanctuaries put in place throughout our South West that will secure a healthy future for our marine life and lifestyle.

Please take action and write to Minister Burke today to ensure that he makes the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and leaves an ocean legacy.

ACTION

Write to: The **Hon Tony Burke MP**, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities,
PO Box 6022,
House of Representatives, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600, Australia

Or by email to Tony.Burke.MP@aph.gov.au

Or by fax to 02 6273 6101

1. Ask the Environment Minister to create a network of large marine sanctuaries in the South West so that our marine life is protected forever. Our marine life and the critical habitats they rely on for feeding and breeding need to be protected in large sanctuaries to ensure their future survival.
2. Ask the Minister to ensure that the highest standards of marine science and conservation are adopted so that Australia's unique marine life can be protected.

Please write as soon as possible. *Please send us copies of any responses you receive.*

Further information on HSI's campaigns at www.hsi.org.au

HSI concentrates on the preservation of endangered animals and ecosystems and works to ensure quality of life for all animals, both domestic and wild. HSI is the largest animal protection not-for-profit organisation in the world, with over 10 million supporters globally and has been established in Australia since 1994.