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Dear government of Australia,

I'm writing this email in name of WWF Australia to ask you to strengthen your efforts to protect the Great Barrier reef.

I was a tourist in your country in 2001 and was amazed by the beauty of the ocean, the blue water, the abundance of fish and the colourful reef. For almost 20 years I've been telling everyone who wanted to hear how amazing Australia is. Not only for the reef but for all its wildlife and the wonderful people I had met.

This year in January I went back with my husband, he too had been to your country before in 1999 and wanted to dive your oceans.

But it was a disappointment, a total shock to see all beauty gone, not only in the oceans but also on land. We were there for a month and we had to look hard to spot anything moving! What has happened??

Is it not important enough? Is money more valuable than a healthy, wonderful world?

We've gone home in disappointment and my stories to my friends and family won't be that positive anymore, I'm sorry to say.

Please do something to save what you have left so that not only we, but also my friends and family and their children still have something to visit in the future.

Thank you for reading this enormous e-mail, I normally don't write that much, but this is very dear to me.

With kind regards,

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