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Dear Ms Jago

**Re: Need for Federal Government action on the Australian Coast (your ref MC22-004302)**

Thank you for your response (10/10/22) to the *Australian Coastal Society* (ACS) letter sent to Minister Plibersek on 1/6/22.

In your letter you stated that a key role of the Ocean Office is to “lead the development of a National Sustainable Ocean Plan”. To what extent will the Ocean Office deal with issues of ocean sustainability within the 3 nautical mile zone which is under State and Territory government jurisdiction?

The lack of environmental boundaries between oceans and coasts was recognised by the Australian Government’s former Department of Environment, Sport and Territories which had an effective ‘Coasts and Marine Branch’ in the late 1990s. The ACS similarly believes there should be more focus on the coast by having an ocean and ‘coasts’ national coordinating mechanism as occurs in other countries.

The ACS looks forward to your positive response.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'N. Harvey'.

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