

I am writing to express my concerns to the Coral Reef Task Force. When I moved to South Florida in 1981, the reefs were healthy and beautiful. I could walk off the beach and dive on a beautiful, lush reef in just a short swim.

Today, because of beach renourishment, dredging, anchor damage, sewage outfall, and more, the inshore reefs off the beach are dead. They are covered with muck and algae, suffocated, and dead. This is a horrific loss of habitat and it affects our entire offshore ecology. The reefs off Broward County look much less lush and beautiful than they did before which also hurts tourism.

I strongly urge the Coral Reef Task Force to halt any and all current and future projects that could cause further destruction to this precious natural resource. We need to save our oceans for future generations.

Sincerely,

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