

Hi

We live on Norfolk Island and we TOTALLY oppose the management plan for the marine reserve around Norfolk Island.

The island has cared for the marine environment since 1857 and the islands inhabitants have fished these waters for longer than Australia has been a nation.

The islanders of Pitcairn descent have a Polynesian background and fishing is part of their culture and fish is an important food source. This is true for all Polynesian islands in the Pacific.

The management plan does not take into consideration the cultural significance of fish and fishing to those living on a remote island in the Pacific.

There should have been extensive consultation with the islands inhabitants BEFORE there was even a draft management plan.

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