



Australian
Marine Parks



Feedback Australian Marine Parks

We are now inviting comments on draft management plans for 44 marine parks in the North, North-west, South-west, Temperate East and the Coral Sea.

The five draft plans set out the approach Parks Australia will take to managing these marine parks over the next ten years. In developing draft plans, we have worked hard to balance the need to protect important marine habitats and features, supporting people to use and enjoy these special places.

It is important for marine parks to contribute to Australia's wellbeing, the national economy and most importantly to regional economies, through supporting local people to maintain jobs in tourism and fishing enterprises.

The draft plans have benefitted from feedback from the public, the independent review of Commonwealth marine reserves released in 2016, the advice and expertise of traditional owners on managing sea country, the best available science, and the Government's policies and approaches to supporting competitive and sustainable fisheries.

We are also proposing to change names of Commonwealth marine reserves to marine parks. People have told us that the name Commonwealth marine reserves sounds more like a defence training area, than an amazing place to dive and snorkel. We hope that renaming these special places will help build public awareness and reinforce that marine

parks, like other parks, are for people to use and enjoy, and are about protecting important marine habitats and species.

We are interested in your views on the draft plans and the proposed renaming.

Have your say

Please send your feedback on these draft plans by 20 September 2017, by:

1. Filling in this feedback form, available at parksaustralia.gov.au/marine
2. Emailing: managementplanning.marine@environment.gov.au
3. Writing (free of charge) to:
Australian Marine Parks Management Planning Comments
Department of the Environment and Energy
Reply Paid 787
Canberra ACT 2601

Comments may be made public. Personal information provided to us will be dealt with in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. Further information and our privacy notice is available at parksaustralia.gov.au/marine. Your personal information may be disclosed to the Minister, relevant government agencies, the Australian Parliament and where required by law.

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Which sector(s) or interest(s) do you represent?

- Aquaculture
- Commercial charter fishing
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial media
- Commercial tourism
- Conservation
- General public
- Government
- Indigenous
- Oil, gas, or mining
- Ports or shipping
- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational diving or snorkelling
- Research
- Telecommunications
- Other

Which draft plan are you commenting on?

- Coral Sea
- North Network
- North-west Network
- South-west Network
- Temperate East Network

Which marine park(s) are you commenting on?

Norfolk Marine Park

What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Commercial shipping
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial pearling and aquaculture
- Commercial media
- Commercial tourism
- Indigenous cultural use
- Oil, gas, or mining
- Recreational fishing
- Research
- Structures and works
- National security and emergency response
- Other

Further information

If you have questions regarding the draft plans or the public comment process, please visit the Australian Marine Parks website parksaustralia.gov.au/marine, send an email to marinereserves@environment.gov.au, or call 1800 069 352.



What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 2 - The Marine Park or Network
- Part 3 - Zoning
- Part 4 - Managing activities
- Schedules

Which program are you commenting on?

- Communication, education and awareness program
- Indigenous engagement program
- Tourism and visitor experience program
- Marine science program
- Assessments and authorisations program
- Park protection and management program
- Compliance program

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- Your submission may also be published online by the Director of National Parks. Please tick this box if you do not want it published. Your submission will still be considered in the Director's Report on the Preparation of the Management Plans, and may be provided to the Minister and tabled before Parliament.

- Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks?

Please type your comments below.

I am concerned that the Temperate East network draft management plan does not protect the interests of the environment or local industry for the Norfolk Marine Park.

The draft management plan seeks to rezone the waters immediately around Norfolk Island as Multiple Use Zone. I think this does not adequately protect the area. I think a combination of Habitat Protection Zone, Recreational Use Zone, and National Park Zone is more appropriate.

I visit the area often to spend time with family. When I visit I like to go out on charter nature-watching/tourism boats, charter fishing boats, or as a recreational boater. I think the area has outstanding ecological value and healthy fish stocks.

I think re-zoning the area as Multiple Use Zone puts this at risk, as it opens up the area to Mining activities and large-scale Commercial fishing.

I do not think the plan adequately identifies the high ecological value of the Norfolk Marine Park marine waters or offers any sort of protection to the richness and diversity of marine life in the area.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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