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Which sector do you represent?

- General public
- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational diving or snorkeling

Which draft plans are you commenting on? Coral Sea Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? great barrier reef/ coral sea What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about? Recreational fishing What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on? Part 3 - Zoning Which program are you commenting on? Park protection and management program Please tick this box if you would like to keep up to date with all the latest information on Australian Marine Parks by subscribing to our email updates. :

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Parliament: Yes

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We live in Townsville in North Queensland and frequent the coral sea area frequently, mainly being the Flinder reef area. We have visited the site twice in the past 2 years and we expecting to visit again next year. The reason for our visits is the remoteness of the area, it is one of the only areas accessible to us from Townsville, that can offer us all types of recreational fishing, we gamefish the area for billfish, we jig the area for dogtooth tuna, we surface lure the area for other game species, such as dolphin fish and giant trevally,( of which 99% of the species are released) as well as snorkelling of the area with our family. No other places are as remote and can offer all of the above.

Yes we do notice other human interaction on the sand cay as far as rubbish that is washed in from all around the pacific ocean and we do our best to clean up what is laying around and take it away with us, to ensure the place stays as pristine as it can be.

we understand the need for zoning and have dealt with the green zones in the north for the past 12 years, however shutting the area down to the general Recreational fisherman is nonsense, we are only capable of visiting the area once a year and limited to our stay, usually no longer than 5-7 days due to weather and the distance from all other areas.

We hope you are able to see that the area is special to us as well and we would hate to see the area shut off all together.

cheers