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Organisation:

Which sector do you represent?

- Recreational fishing
- Recreational diving or snorkeling

Which draft plans are you commenting on? Coral Sea Which marine park(s) are you commenting on?

Coral sea marine parks off Townsville What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Recreational fishing

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I have reviewed the draft zoning for the coral sea area off Townsville. The zoning and their permitted uses are of interest to me as a recreational game fishing angler and a member of the Townsville Game Fishing Club (TGFC), a Queensland Game Fishing Association member club.

In particular, the Flinders Reef zone is an area many members of the TGFC have visited in recent years and while I have not been able to get there myself to date (due to work commitments), it is certainly on my "must do"

list. I am therefor in agreement with the proposed zoning for this particular reef. It is an area that our club is hoping to visit annually. Of note, is that the club members that have been there comment on not only the fishing, but the birdlife, environment and the reef itself. Comparative observations on birdlife and reef condition could be made year to year and made available to researchers. They have also even picked up rubbish that has accumulated on the sand cay!

Overall, I am in agreement of the Coral Sea Zoning Plan and congratulate the government on their process and consultation with actual user groups in arriving at this workable zoning plan.