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Australian Marine Parks Management Planning Comments
Australian Marine Parks Renaming Comments
Department of the Environment and Energy
Via email: managementplanning.marine@environment.gov.au

To the Marine Parks Management Planning Team,

I write in response to the call for comment on the South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network, specifically the five marine reserves that adjoin or are in proximity to South Australian waters, and also the proposal to amend the name of the Commonwealth marine reserves.

I note that the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) has been working collaboratively with the (now) Department of the Environment and Energy for many years to cooperatively manage our respective marine protected areas, starting with State and Commonwealth parks at the Great Australian Bight. Particular emphasis was placed on developing our respective marine reserve networks to ensure the provisions for zoning in our adjoining parks is complementary.

Earlier Commonwealth proposals for Western Kangaroo Island, Western Eyre and the Great Australian Bight Marine Reserves included adjoining high protection zones and DEWNR is pleased that these zones were also included in the draft plans.

The implementation of the South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network management plans provides numerous opportunities for DEWNR and the Department of the Environment and Energy to work cooperatively to achieve the outcomes required in our respective plans.

DEWNR supports the proposal to amend the names of the Commonwealth protected areas from marine reserves to marine parks, as this provides members of the public consistency between our two programs.

For further information, please contact Vera Hughes, Protection Coordinator, Marine Parks, at 08 8124 4805 or email vera.hughes@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Miley', written over a horizontal line.

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A/DIRECTOR, CONSERVATION, NRM AND PROTECTED AREA POLICY