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Which sector do you represent? General public Which draft plans 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? All of them. Separating them out when the intention is to reduce the overall size of marine parks is playing games. I am vehemently opposed.

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

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? 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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Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below: I

abhor the intention by government to reduce either the number of marine parks or their total area. These parks were hard fought for and are vital to the overall wealth and health of our environment and our nation. It is appalling that after a long process to permanently protect these marine parks that any government of any persuasion would even consider reducing the area of these parks by any amount at all.

They were set up in perpetuity. I am shocked by the intention which seems evident. I strongly recommend completely removing any plans to alter these parks in any way. They were set up in perpetuity, not to be used and altered whenever any vested interest, including any government, considers they have the right to downsize a national asset of this type.

