

19 September 2017



Dear CMR Policy Makers,

### **RE: CMR Submission**

Thank you for giving the Byron Bay Deep Sea Fishing Club (BBDSFC) an opportunity to lodge yet another CMR submission.

Back in around 2014, the BBDSFC largely objected to what is now anecdotally known as the Burke Plan.

Our Club reiterates our fundamental objection to the Burke Plan and offer our full support to the reviewed plan that was published in about 2016/17, citing more relaxed sanctuary zonings and a recent plan that:

- a. Meets national and global requirements, treaties and objectives
- b. Provides fair and widespread opportunities for recreational fishing access
- c. Provides fair and adequate commercial fisheries access
- d. Provides fair and adequate opportunities for marine related tourism
- e. Is mindful of Australia's global leading position as fisheries managers and recognises that commercial and recreational harvest extraction can sustainably occur without the need for sanctuary zones at a scale or magnitude proposed under the Burke Plan.

We also note the recent Marine Parks network in the USA and the respect the Obama administrations allocation to recreational fishers of that country. We hope our Australian politicians have the capacity to exercise this level of civic mindfulness and public consideration. A level of consideration that as **not** awarded under the Burke Plan.

Finally, we are seriously concerned about the weight and power that Australian policy makers are seemingly handing to foreign anti-fishing NGO's. Big budget NGO's that weren't given the time of day relating to Burke style Sanctuary Zones in the USA. While we respect the foreign NGO's and anti-fishing extremists right to a voice, we've heard what they've had to say about the Burke Plan and it's just as inconsiderate to sustainability, economics and community wellbeing now, as it was back then.

We thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Kind Regards,  
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