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Which sector do you represent?

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

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

What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

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

What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 4 - Managing activities

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 am currently the President of Ribbons Ladies Game Fishing Club based in Cairns North Qld. Our club is 34 years old and has supported sustainable recreational fishing and tag and release strategies off Cairns since its inception. It's a highly successful community sporting event seating up to 400 people from all over Australia and indeed at times internationally at our gala presentation evening. Our event promotes strict rules around bag limits, size restrictions and high points for tag and release as well as caring for our reef and supporting research via our affiliation with Qld Game Fishing Association. I can assure you, we have always cared for and have the very best interests of our reefs, waterways and oceans at heart. We support the current plan and program but also wish to emphasise the criticality of it being a collaborative approach between all stake holders to manage the reserve/s. Peak bodies like QGFA, GFAA, ARFF etc need to be involved in the future management of same.