

Submission to CMPM Plans

The reduction by over 50% of Green Zones is unacceptable if you are serious about marine ecosystem protection.

Green Zones are the safe areas necessary for fish stocks to recover from commercial harvesting. Reducing these areas so dramatically and expanding the tuna fisheries at the same time can only aggravate the stress the marine park and reserves are suffering due to climate change, mining and drilling and pesticides run-off etc. from land based activities.

Like National Parks on land Marine Parks and Reserves need to be protected from exploitation to maintain the biodiversity that is already lost in so many other areas. Therefore Green Zones must not be compromised.

The 2012 Commonwealth Marine Reserves system should be continued as is.