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Which sector do you represent? Recreational fishing 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 What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

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

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

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The current proposal with it's reduced sanctuary zones (no fishing) represents a more sensible and pragmatic approach than the original Bourke (Labor) plan. Given that Commonwealth commercial fishing is managed by quota and that no solely Commonwealth managed species is overfished then the sanctuary zones are of little benefit and just serve to displace or move the effort around a bit. The treatment of recreation fishing (relatively benign) was particularly harsh in the original proposal. Closing areas to fishing is not without cost and better protection can often be achieved by more holistic methods such as commercial quotas, size and bag limits for anglers and targeted by catch mitigation measures.

Especially when the fishery is already well managed as is the case with Commonwealth waters.