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Which sector do you represent?

- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational diving or snorkeling

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From what I can see the proposed changes to the management plan would allow commercial net fishing to take place in Geographe Bay again. Given the continuing recovery of fish stock in Geographe Bay, since the removal of net fishing, I think allowing this to happen again would be mis-guided and would go against the purpose of marine parks.

The significance of this area for tourism cannot be denied given the amount of money being spent promoting the area.

The movement of fish stock from Geographe Bay to waters north and west would still allow commercial fishers the opportunity to access better fishing while allowing Geographe Bay to continue recovering and flourish as a dynamic marine zone.

Thank you.