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Which sector do you represent? Research 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 of them - the basic premise of the review was wrong and the outcome is blatantly partisan political. The mere fact that your form is structured with  
What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about? Other What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on? Part 3 - Zoning Which program are you commenting on? Compliance 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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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:  
I am the co-editor of the CSIRO 2015 publication Big, Bold and Blue Lessons from Australia's Marine Protected Areas.

This book praised the efforts of the Commonwealth in establishing substantial no take / high protection areas and gave considerable evidence as to why the no take areas were required. The current politicisation of the scientific data is disappointing if not unexpected given the clear biases now prevalent in Canberra.

Put simply all the evidence suggests that the first / previous cut was a reasonable compromise to all interests. These draft management plans simply continue the unsustainable exploitation of our oceans.

Australia was a global leader in MPAs and marine conservation as our book clearly outlined. We are now a laughing stock. If that is a satisfactory outcome to independent reviewers we are in substantial trouble in progressing any marine conservation in this country.

I cannot express in words my dismay at how appalling bad these draft plans are.