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Which sector do you represent?

- Conservation
- General public

Which draft plans are you commenting on?

- Coral Sea
- Temperate East Network

Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? Lord Howe Island, Coral sea What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Commercial shipping
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial pearling and aquaculture
- Commercial tourism
- Oil, gas, or mining
- 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

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The proposal allows ballast water discharge and disposal of waste from vessels in all zones (under MARPOL regs). There is currently no discharge allowed within 3nm of Lord Howe Island (state waters) I believe (and the Lord Howe Island Board are also supportive) of pushing for a Biosecurity Zone to provide increased protection from marine pests and disease. The proposal allows for disposal in National Park Zones (green zones) which I DO NOT supported at all. Ideally I suggest no discharge within NPZ's and LHI HPZ (LH habitat protection zone - hashed yellow) or at the very least no discharge within NPZ and within 3 (or better still 12 nm) around Lord Howe Island, Balls Pyramid and Eliz and Middleton reefs. Currently LHIMP is marine pest free and we would like to keep it this way.

Mining operations including the construction of pipeline is allowed in all zones of the proposed commonwealth waters, this has the potential to have a detrimental impact on the benthos/seamount habitat surrounding LHI and Elizabeth and Middleton reefs. I believe it should be prohibited in the NPZ, RUZ, Lord Howe HPZ and HPZ to protect these areas.

Aquaculture is proposed to be allowed in the Lord Howe HPZ. It is currently prohibited in state waters and opening it up could compromise/impact the local fishery and ecological processes of the World Heritage listed LHI Marine Park.

In the Lord Howe HPZ- commercial hand collecting, hand netting, pelagic long lining, per seine fishing and mid water trawl are not allowed. In HPZs they are allowed. Currently these commercial fishing activities are prohibited in the surrounding state waters so the LHHPZ (hashed yellow) would remain consistent with that. But the HPZ (yellow zone) does come close to the existing state marine park, so I believe we should 'increasing the size and area' of the LH HPZ to ensure adequate protection of the local fishery and ecological processes.

With the oceans coming under more stress in the coming years from climate change, protecting areas from commercial fishing and other harmful practises, will help our oceans restock and therefore be more productive and healthier into the future.