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Organisation:

Which sector do you represent?

- General public
- 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?

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

Which program are you commenting on? Park protection and management 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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Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:

The financial importance of recreational fishing to regional centers and coastal towns is immense and well documented FAR exceeding that of any commercial interest. In addition recreational fishing under strict guidelines and rules has been proven to have minimal impact to fish stocks and the environment. meaning Tourism operators can also leverage the natural beauty of the Australian outdoors. Without being impacted by commercial interests.

The US has been a world leader in implementing no take zones and rec only areas which have benefited all stakeholders. Nobody wants to protect the environment more then rec anglers who's very interests rely on the sustainability and health of the natural environment.

Please consider the financial impacts to entire towns who rely on the tourism dollar that rec angling brings, a rec only approach in conjunction with moderate marine parks is a sensible compromise to benefit all parties.

Locking out australians from millions of square KM's of coast with little to no evidence to support it. Is extreme, unwarranted and will have huge negative impacts to the lives of millions of Australians.

Regards

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