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Which sector do you represent? General public 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

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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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:
Thank you for this opportunity.

I don't believe we need any more marine parks in Australia, by increasing them you are restricting the public's access to fresh local caught seafood and putting more pressure on other parts of the world's oceans that are raped and pillaged.

Compared to other countries I believe Australia has (over the last 20-30 years) reformed many fisheries and actually helped fish stocks in many areas to be now sustainable and a viable resource in the local economies. I was a skipper in the NPF from 1998-2004 and volunteered my crew to CSIRO for bycatch reduction studies and sea snake mortality and witnessed many good things come out of the reduction of boats from when my father started in the NPF from some 326 boats down to about 50 now days. It is now a very healthy and profitable fishery. Sadly on the East coast of Australia it's not the same and many fisheries have struggled and family businesses have been shut down due to increased protection of green zones and mismanagement which feels like it comes to appease an extreme green regime or green vote.

Why should Australians have to import 75% of our seafood when we have some of the best/ healthiest seafood at our doorstep. All we are doing by creating more green zones is transferring the fishing effort to a country with no rules, no regulations and then we import a frozen, (then repacked and refrozen) inferior product that can potentially make us sick or damage our biosecurity as has happened with the whole prawn farm saga.

I do believe in fisheries management and have seen the benefits of the reduction in effort, but how can commercial fishermen provide seafood to the Australian public when the fisheries management have no idea how much seafood is removed by recreational fishermen. How come commercial fishermen must pay for licences, VMS, survey, training and then all the fishing grounds get closed on them, what are they supposed to do. My father committed suicide on a fishing expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria to try and pay for the debt that had been created getting ready to fish. I can't say for

sure if that's why he did it but I'm certain the way things were headed at the time it surely wasn't giving him any confidence in the fishing industry.

Please don't let any more fishing ground be removed from the commercial sector unless it's a proven breeding ground for a commercially threatened species.

Regards