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Which sector do you represent? General public Which draft plans are you commenting on? Temperate East Network Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? Lord Howe Marine Park What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial tourism
- Oil, gas, or mining
- Recreational fishing
- Research
- Structures and works
- Other

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

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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:
To whom this may concern,

I would like to comment on the proposed plan to halve the marine park zones in NSW waters. As a 6th generation islander of Lord Howe Island my life has been spent around or in the water, participating in activities such as fishing, surfing and snorkelling. I myself have grown up with a fisherman for a father and have participated in recreational fishing myself from a young age (6) until present. As a child I would constantly marvel over the large catches that my father pulled in off the boat including species such as kingfish, travalley and red emperor. As I've grown I have seen these catches decline in numbers which may be due to global warming, user use or improper fishing practises or external factors such as large commercial fishing boats trawling outside our marine park sanctuary zones.

This is why I feel that it is extremely important to keep the current implemented sanctuary zones, to secure and protect our fisheries for generations to come. If anything with current trends in climate such as sea temperature and extreme weather events increasing I believe that the marine park zones across Australia should be increased in size to protect the many species that live in these waters. I dearly hope that you will reconsider your current plans to halve the marine park zones for this will lead to over fishing and potential extinctions of endangered fish.

Thank you,

A concerned Islander