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Organisation:

Which sector do you represent?

- Commercial charter fishing
- Commercial tourism
- General public
- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing

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
- Recreational fishing
- Research

What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- 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:

Dear Sir/madam,

thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.

I'm a fifth generation Lord Howe Islander and very proud of it. I have spent all of my life on LHI besides 6 years which was spent in Sydney when I was a young man. I have fished recreationally and commercially for around 40 years in the waters around LHI.

In my life time I have seen a huge change in the fishery around LHI, not for the better, for the worst. LHI would have been one of the best if not the best places on the east coast 30 years ago to fish for Yellow fin tuna, now we hardly see one or two per year!! The Kingfish that the Island became famous for have all but gone compared to the numbers that once were here.

Is it climate change, currents or over fishing I don't know....Oh thats right the government doesn't believe in such things..

I was the chair of the LHI Marine park committee for 6 years and was also involved in the draft of the first marine park that we have ever had. Lots of time and effort went into drawing up what we as locals thought a workable plan for the Island. Over the last 10 or so years I feel that the Park as we have it today has been managed very well.

I would like to see more research go into the LH Marine park.

What facts and figures have been presented to us to prove that the park is working so well that the protection zones can be halved? The Protection zone is only 27.5% as it stands which is nothing compared to the area of ocean we have around the Island.

Tourists come to visit the Island from all over the world, a good marine park gives them the experience that they expect from a world heritage listed site.

I would urge the Government to leave alone the zoning as we have it now for the LH Marine Park.

From my records the fishery is still in decline so until proven other wise like the old saying says..
"Don't fix it if it's not broke"

Yours sincerely

Jack Shick