

Dear Ms Barnes

My family and I have been recreational game fishing for over 40 years in waters from Esperance & Broome in WA, Nhulunbuy and Gove in the NT and also Weipa, Cooktown, Lizard Island, the Ribbon Reefs, Osprey Reef, Cairns and Townsville areas and in other Queensland waters all the way down to Port Stephens in NSW. I am a Life Member of the Queensland Game Fishing Association (QGFA) and have always used the sustainable and ethical fishing practices espoused by the QGFA and our national body the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

I commend you and your team on the approach and process you have gone through to revise the Marine Reserves/Parks Plan. It appears that you have not only consulted with the recreational fishing sector but have actually listened to their concerns. Whilst the revised plan is not entirely to my liking it has a far better outcome for recreational fishers than the previous Burke plan did. A total lock out approach is not acceptable to me when there is no scientific data provided to anyone to support such drastic measures.

My hope for the future planning process is that you will continue to consult with, and listen to recreational fishing sector when moving on to the management process. Our organisations have a plethora of people with hands on knowledge and experience that would be more than qualified to join your management team/s.

Once again I congratulate you all and offer you my support.

Regards



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