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Dear John

**RE: SUBMISSION – DRAFT TEMPERATE EAST COMMONWEALTH MARINE RESERVES NETWORK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2017. Board staff attended the on-Island information session and have reviewed the draft document and provide the following comments.

Due to its World Heritage and National Heritage listing and currently being free of any known marine pests, Lord Howe Island requires the highest level of protection available. The Board is currently seeking to have Lord Howe Island declared as a Biosecurity Zone under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 12 nautical miles out from the coasts of Lord Howe Island, Balls Pyramid and surrounding islets. As part of this the Board will seek a prohibition on the discharge of ballast water be undertaken within a minimum of three miles of the Island but preferably within 12 miles of the Island. The Board seeks Commonwealth assistance in aligning any final Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan with this initiative.

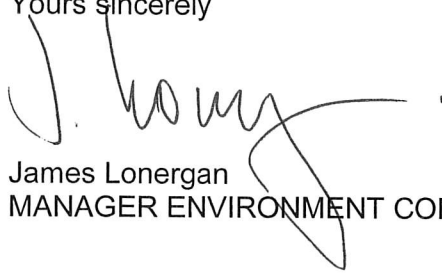
The Board does not support the current “ballast/industrial discharge, mining operations and aquaculture” recommendations in the draft plan due to potential impacts to the Island’s World Heritage values and recommends that references to mining and aquaculture be deleted in so far as they apply to the Island.

The Board proposes an extension to the Lord Howe Habitat Protection Zone so that “mining operations and aquaculture” activities are prohibited around Lord Howe Island, Balls Pyramid and Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs. This will ensure an adequate buffer zone around the state-based Lord Howe Island Marine Park and the proposed commonwealth National Park Zone.



Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the draft. Please do not hesitate in contacting the Board's World Heritage Manager, Hank Bower, on 02 6563 2066 Ext23 should you require further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lonergan', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right and then looping back down.

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