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Organisation:

Which sector do you represent?

- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing

Which draft plans are you commenting on? South-west Network Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? Particularly the Perth canyon but comments equally applicable to some other areas

What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Commercial fishing

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As a recreational fisher (of some significant years) I have seen the decline in some areas of the west coast as a result of commercial fishing and the resultant impact of it. While there is always some unscrupulous fishers for the most part I believe people are good and care about the ocean and planet. Unfortunately, if your living depends upon it sometimes you have your hand forced. This is where Marine Parks play an important role in ensuring biodiversity and fish stocks are protected.

For the area of the Perth Canyon I think it is worth protecting and I think the National parks draft plan for the area is a good one.

I have a trailer boat and fish the area as a recreational fisher for pelagic fish. As a sport fisherman many of the fish are returned to live another day.

This is one of the closest continental shelf areas accessible for Perth fishers and if recreational fishers were asked they would be willing and able to provide invaluable information to support scientific research. To close the area completely off though as previously proposed would be criminal and put make all recreational fishers off-side as future parks would encounter significant resistance. As it currently stands most of us recreational fishers have limited access to the area due to weather so our fishing impact is limited.

From my review of the available information I think the plan is a good one for the future of the Perth canyon.