



Ordinary Council Meeting 20 September 2017

RESOLUTION

Council –

1. Acknowledges the invitation of 21 July 2017 from the Director of Parks Australia to provide feedback on the proposed zoning and rules for the Norfolk Marine Park, as set out in the draft management plan for the Temperate East Network;
2. Having met with Jason Mundy and John Lloyd from Parks Australia to discuss the draft plans for the Norfolk Island Marine Park as identified in the fact sheet provided to Council by Parks Australia; and
3. In recognition that it is the wish of the Norfolk Island people that the traditional use of the waters in the area around Norfolk Island historically known as 'The Box' (Refer attached Norfolk Island Fishery Management Policy and the associated Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Fisheries Management Authority) is zoned a 'multiple use zone' and is identified and clearly marked on all maps and recognised in the final Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan,

Council makes the following submission:

THAT Parks Australia agree that the area known as 'The Box' around Norfolk Island is zoned a 'multiple use zone' and that 'The Box' and the Norfolk Island partnership with the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) be identified and clearly marked on all Maps of the Norfolk Island Marine Park Plan and in the final Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2017

Background: Council at its October 2016 meeting agreed a submission be sent to Parks Australia which in essence requested that the current traditional fishing activities remain legal in waters surrounding Norfolk Island up to the limits of the 40 nautical miles x 67 nautical miles 'box' and that the waters be zoned multiple use. Parks Australia has listened to our request. The submission today goes one step further in that it requests that the area historically known as 'The Box' and the Norfolk Island partnership with the Australian Fisheries Management Authority be identified and clearly marked on all Maps of the Norfolk Island Marine Park Plan and in the final Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2017. The date for lodgement of submissions is today.