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Which sector do you represent? Recreational diving or snorkeling Which draft plans are you commenting on? South-west Network Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? Diamantina Fracture Zone section What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

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- Part 3 - Zoning
- Part 4 - Managing activities

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Reject the cut backs of Marine National Park 'sanctuary' IUCN II zoning

(MNPZ) across the Network and call for the Turnbull Government to fully restore and increase the IUCN II zoning in Australia's Marine Parks without delay.

The Government's independent Review recognised the extensive science and consultation that led to the creation of the 40 parks in 2012. However, the Turnbull Government's draft management plans recommend reducing, relocating and in most cases completely removing the MNPZ protection over key habitats, particularly in the globally important Coral Sea. In the face of devastating coral bleaching, mangrove dieback and vanishing kelp forests, MNPZ coverage in Australia's Marine Parks are even more important now than ever.