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- North-west Network
- South-west Network
- Temperate East Network

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Around the world, Marine Parks have proven integral to the maintenance of fisheries and protection of endangered species. The current proposed changes look ominously as if a large lobbyist such as the tuna industry has got into the ear of the Minister and the Director.

There is no rational reason to reduce protected areas. Marine parks should be increased where ever practical and protected in the midst of commercial areas. It is protected areas which generate fish for both recreational and commercial fisheries.