

My comments will be brief. As a retired environmental scientist I am absolutely gobsmacked at how the draft proposals released in July this year do nothing more than completely trash protection for our marine environment. There is clearly no credible science underpinning the recently released draft proposals.

The proposals presented in July this year are so overwhelmingly bad that they do not even warrant individual comment from me - just scrap the lot.

The proposals as presented some years ago by Minister Tony Burke gave us hope that there was a chance we could manage our marine ecosystems sustainably into the future. What is now being proposed will simply guarantee the accelerated degradation, and ultimately the destruction of our marine ecosystems.

We need to implement the proposed national network of marine sanctuaries as presented by Minister Burke

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