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Which sector do you represent? General public Which draft plans are you commenting on?

- Coral Sea
- North Network
- North-west Network
- South-west Network
- Temperate East Network

Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? Overall Draft Plan What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about? General use and access (including recreational) What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 2 - The Marine Park or Network
- Part 3 - Zoning
- Part 4 - Managing activities
- Schedules

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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:

I am writing in relation to overall changes in marine park usage and reduction of conservation zones. The Draft Plan reminds me of a bumper sticker I saw on a Cadillac during the first oil shock of the 1970's. The bumper sticker said "Consume now while it lasts". That seems to apply directly to the Draft Plan's increases in commercialization, increases in non-commercial exploitation and reduction of previously declared marine conservation zones. It is the shame of current generations that what we bequeath to our progeny will be but a fraction of what we inherited and enjoyed in our lives.

As a farmer, conservationist and former scuba diver I consider Fishing as a form of Marine Mining. Fishers do not cultivate and harvest; they simply mine and left to their own devices they reduce fishing stocks until they collapse. Marine conservation areas when well chosen and guarded for conservation purposes provide fish stocks the ability to regenerate and to thereby create a sustainable fishing industry.

Gillard-Rudd governments' expansion of designated marine reserves was a bold move in the long term interests of the current Australian people, future generations, sustainable fisheries and new industries based on tourism. In contrast, the Abbott-Turnbull governments will be remembered as the most destructive Australian governments in terms of conservation and our culture.

"Consume now while it lasts" is a fitting motto for a government currently stealing from the future for the perceived short term gain and benefit to minority interests.

I respectfully request no reduction in marine conservation areas, no changes which could allow greater exploitation and no lessening of applied conservation values in our marine parks.