



Via Email

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Dear Ms Barnes,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft management plans for 44 Australian Marine Parks. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection offer the following comments.

As the Commonwealth's lead agency for civil maritime security, including detecting, deterring, responding to and preventing illegal activities in protected areas such as Australian Marine Parks, the Department's interest in the management plans relate to the security aspects of managing the Australian Marine Parks.

Section 1.8 of the draft management plans notes the following:

The Director will build on existing partnerships with Commonwealth government agencies with critical roles in managing and understanding Australia's marine environment, including Australian Fisheries Management Authority, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Defence, Geosciences Australia, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Maritime Border Command and National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority.

Maritime Border Command is a multi-agency taskforce within the Australian Border Force. As the paragraph outlines partnerships with Commonwealth agencies, we suggest amending Maritime Border Command to Australian Border Force.

We look forward to working with Parks Australia on the implementation of the management plans for Australian Marine Parks.

Yours sincerely

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