

Dear Director of National Parks,

1. We are deeply concerned about cutbacks to National Park zone (IUCN II/ 'sanctuary') protection in Australia's marine parks network;
2. The network should be science based, and therefore deliver adequately sized and located National Park zones (IUCN II/ 'sanctuaries') on both the continental shelf and in deeper waters;
3. We support the draft management plans where the National Park zones have not changed from what was declared in 2012, or where there are new and/or increased National Park zones;
4. We reject the draft management plans where:

National Park zone areas are made smaller (such as Lord Howe Marine Park), or removed altogether; or where National Park zone areas have been moved to areas of far less ecological importance; or where the Government has ignored the Review's recommendations for additional National Park zone areas (eg: in the Norfolk Island Marine Park).

1. We are shocked that the Turnbull Government has ignored the findings of its own Independent Review, proposing dramatically less National Park zone protection than the Review recommended.
2. We reject the claims by government that Habitat Protection (HPZs/yellow zones) are equal to National Park zone (IUCNII) zones.
3. We urge the Government to make the following changes to the draft management plans:

a) That no marine National Park zone areas declared in 2012 are removed or reduced; b) That new marine National Park zones are declared:

- in the Norfolk Island Marine Park as recommended in the Review;
- that every marine park under Review be afforded an adequately sized and located National Park zone (currently 16 of the 44 of have none) and;
- that all marine parks on the completion of their management plans should be fully protected from oil and gas mining.

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