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**Subject:** Australian Marine Parks draft management plans released today [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** 21 July 2017 at 4:00 pm  
**To:** [adrian.wayne48@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.wayne48@gmail.com)

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Dear Adrian

I am writing to let you know that I have released for public comment, draft management plans for 44 Australian Marine Parks that are managed by Parks Australia. I am also seeking feedback on a proposed name change from Commonwealth Marine Reserves to Marine Parks.

Public notices have been placed in a range of newspapers, inviting comments on draft plans and the proposed renaming. You can review the draft management plans and information about the proposed renaming on the marine parks website at [www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine](http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine).

In preparing these draft plans, we have worked hard to balance the need to protect the marine environment, with supporting people's livelihoods and the Australian lifestyle.

I realise you have a keen interest in recreational fishing and I hope that the plans clearly set out where you, your friends and family will be able to fish in Australian Marine Parks. Recreational fishing will be allowed in 97 per cent of Commonwealth waters within 100 km of the coast. Fishing will also be allowed in 82 per cent of key Coral Sea reefs.

In some areas, we have not allowed fishing, because scientists tell us it is important to have some "no-take" areas, including to protect fish spawning and feeding grounds.

The draft plans have benefitted from input from fishers like you, feedback from the public, the independent review of Commonwealth marine reserves released in 2016, the advice and expertise of traditional owners on managing sea country, the best available science, and the Government's policies and approaches to supporting competitive and sustainable fisheries.

We are seeking your feedback on whether we have the balance right in these draft plans.

Please send your feedback on these draft plans or the proposed renaming by 20 September 2017, by:

1. Filling in our feedback form, available at: [parksaustralia.gov.au/marine](http://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine)

2. Emailing: [managementplanning.marine@environment.gov.au](mailto:managementplanning.marine@environment.gov.au)

3. Writing (free of charge) to:  
Australian Marine Parks Management Planning  
Comments  
Department of the Environment and Energy  
Reply Paid 787  
Canberra ACT 2601

To help us to consider your feedback, please:

- Say what you would like to see kept or changed in the plan/s and why
- Refer your points to a specific marine park or use, where appropriate
- Give sources of any information you refer to, where possible.

Please note, comments sent after 11.59 pm AEST Wednesday 20 September 2017, will not be considered.

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Comments may be made public. Personal information provided to us will be dealt with in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. Further information and our privacy notice is available at [www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine](http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine). Your personal information may be disclosed to the Minister, relevant government agencies, the Australian Parliament and where required by law.

Your submission may also be published online. Please tell us in your submission if you do not want it published. Your submission will still be considered in the Director's Report on the Preparation of the Management Plans, and may be provided to the Minister and tabled before Parliament.

Please contact Mr. Jason Mundy, Assistant Secretary, Marine Protected Areas Branch in Parks Australia if you would like to discuss the plans in more detail or the public consultation process. Mr. Mundy can be contacted on 03 6208 2922 or via email at [Jason.Mundy@environment.gov.au](mailto:Jason.Mundy@environment.gov.au).

Thank you for your ongoing interest in Australian Marine Parks.

Kind regards

Sally Barnes  
Director of National Parks

[www.parksaustralia.gov.au](http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au)

Parks Australia and the Department of the Environment and Energy acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.

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