



# Australian Government

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## Director of National Parks

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

**Subsection 368(5)**

### **INVITATION TO COMMENT DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TEMPERATE EAST COMMONWEALTH MARINE RESERVES NETWORK**

The Director of National Parks has prepared a draft management plan under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the Commonwealth reserves in the Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network. The draft management plan sets out how the Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network will be managed for a period of ten years.

The Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network came into effect on 17 November 2012. The reserves of the Network are:

Gifford Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Norfolk Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Lord Howe Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Central Eastern Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Solitary Islands Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Cod Grounds Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Hunter Commonwealth Marine Reserve  
Jervis Commonwealth Marine Reserve

Members of the public are invited to comment on the draft management plan. Comments may be made in relation to the management plan generally, or as it relates to individual reserves or particular activities within the network.

All comments received will be carefully considered and the draft management plan may be revised accordingly. To ensure your comments are clear and concise please:

- list your points in order, numbered according to the relevant sections or prescriptions (strategies and actions) of the draft plan
- state whether you agree or disagree with prescriptions and give your reasons
- if you disagree, suggest alternatives

- include any matters relevant to management of the reserves in the Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network that are not covered by the draft plan.

Comments must be sent to either:

1) Postal address-

Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Draft Management Plan  
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities  
Reply Paid 787  
Canberra ACT 2601

2) Email address - [TemperateEast.draftplan@environment.gov.au](mailto:TemperateEast.draftplan@environment.gov.au)

Comments on the draft management plan for the Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network must be sent by Thursday 14th February 2013. Comments that are sent after that date or to addresses other than those above cannot be taken into account in finalising the management plan.

Please note that all comments may be treated as public documents and may be made public on the department's website.

Copies of the draft management plan and further information is available at [www.environment.gov.au/marinereserves](http://www.environment.gov.au/marinereserves) or by contacting the Community Information Unit of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities on freecall 1800 069 352.

Signed this day of 14th January 2013.

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