Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Australian Antarctic Division

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Subsection 368(5)

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE HEARD ISLAND AND MCDONALD ISLANDS MARINE RESERVE

The Head of the Australian Antarctic Division (as Delegate of the Director of National Parks) has prepared a draft management plan for the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve. Once finalised, the new management plan will guide the management of the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve for 10 years.

Members of the public are invited to comment on this draft management plan.

Comments received in response to this notice will be considered by the Head of the Australian Antarctic Division in accordance with section 368(1)(e) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (**EPBC Act**) and will be provided to the Minister for the Environment, in accordance with section 370 of the EPBC Act, together with:

- The Head of the Australian Antarctic Division 's views on the comments, and
- The proposed final management plan for the Minister's approval, including any revisions in response to comments received.

Any comments received in response to this notice provided to the Minister and have not been given effect to in the management plan will be laid before the House of each Parliament under section 371(3) of the EPBC Act.

Where to find the plan

The draft management plan, along with more information is available from https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/

How to comment

Comments must be received no later than 11:59PM AEST on Wednesday 28 October 2026, and should be either:

- submitted through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's *Have Your Say Portal* at: https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/ or
- delivered to the following postal address.

Postal address:
Protected Areas, Territories and Heritage Section
Australian Antarctic Division
PO Box 385
KINGSTON
TAS 7050

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Comments sent after 28 October 2026 will not be considered in preparing the draft management plan.

Privacy notice

If you choose to make a submission to this consultation process, we will collect personal information about you. Please review this notice before submitting your response.

The Director of National Parks (the Director) is subject to the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Australian Privacy Principles. In carrying out its responsibilities for managing the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve, the Director is assisted by the Australian Antarctic Division, a division of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department). The Privacy Act regulates how the Director ("we" or "us") may collect, use, disclose and store personal information. We also hold personal information in accordance with the Archives Act 1983 (Cth).

We use technology by Converlens Pty Ltd to provide the *Have Your Say Portal* and website. Our contractual arrangements require Converlens to comply with the Privacy Act and store data securely in Australia.

What personal information will be collected

Personal information means information or an opinion about an individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable, whether or not it is true or recorded in material form.

Sensitive information is a subset of personal information and attracts a higher level of privacy protection. Sensitive information includes information or opinions about an individual's racial or ethnic origin (e.g. indigeneity), a political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, trade or professional associations and memberships, a criminal record and health information.

By submitting a response to the consultation process, you consent to the Director collecting your personal information (which also includes sensitive information) provided in your response to the consultation process. This may include:

- your name, address, email address and telephone number;
- your opinions about the management of the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve and how the proposed management may impact your business;
- trade and/or professional associations and memberships;
- any other personal information (including sensitive information) provided by you in response to the consultation process.

How we will use and disclose your personal information

The Director will use any personal information (including sensitive information) provided in your submission to:

- Contact you about your response to the consultation process, including for further information, feedback or to conduct a survey either by us or our representative.
- Inform you about the outcomes of the consultation process and/or other matters that we consider may be relevant to you.

The personal information (including sensitive information) provided by you in response to the consultation process will be disclosed to staff in the Department (including the Australian Antarctic Division), the Minister for the Environment and Water and the Minister's office for the purpose of:

- informing the development of the draft management plan for the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve,
- reporting on the outcomes of the consultation process, and
- for related purposes.

The Director may be required to lay any comments the Head of the Australian Antarctic Division has provided to the Minister under Division 4 of Part 15 of the EPBC Act but have not been given effect to in the management plan, in each House of Parliament under section 371(3) of the EPBC Act.

We will not use or disclose personal information without your consent, except where authorised or required by law.

Public disclosure

Your submission, including any personal or sensitive information contained within, may be published or made publicly available in compliance with section 371(3) of the EPBC Act, and where otherwise authorised or required by law.

We reserve the right to edit, and/or not consider or publish submissions that contain potentially offensive, defamatory or irrelevant material.

Submissions marked as confidential may be disclosed on a confidential basis as authorised or required by law.

Postal submissions will not be published, made publicly available or disclosed, except where authorised or required by law.

Anonymous submissions

You can provide an anonymous submission. However, this means we cannot contact you about your submission, the consultation process, or other matters relevant to you. It may also limit our ability to take your submission into account.

Personal information of other individuals

If you are making a submission on behalf of another person, or your submission contains someone else's personal information, you must have their consent. If you do not have consent, please de-identify or remove the personal information before lodging your submission.

Privacy Policy and Contact Us

The Director adopts the Department's privacy policy. For more information on how we handle personal information, how to access or correct your personal information, and how to make a complaint, see our Privacy Policy at https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/commitment/privacy.

The Coverlens privacy policy is available at https://converlens.com/privacy.html.

If you have a question about this privacy notice, please refer to the Contact Us information on our website at https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/commitment/privacy.

Further information

Further information on the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve and the management plan is available at: https://www.antarctica.gov.au/antarctic-operations/stations-and-field-locations/heard-island/

Dated: 16/09/2026

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