



GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO MARINE PARKS

In December 2020, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions opened the public comment period for a series of Marine Parks in and around the Buccaneer Archipelago. Public comment is open until Friday 11th of June.

In partnership with local Traditional Owner Groups, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) are proposing to implement three separate marine parks in the Buccaneer Archipelago and surrounds.

The proposed three separate parks are as follows:

The proposed Bardi Jawi Marine Park:	The proposed Mayala Marine Park:	The proposed Maiyalam Marine Park:

Where to find information

Draft management plans – termed as ‘indicative management plans’ – have been developed for each of the three proposed marine parks

Click on DBCA’s website [here](#) for specific information for each proposed park:

The structure of each of these plans is the same, and the content of each very similar. However, each indicative management plan is separate with some differences and we encourage you to familiarise yourself with all these plans prior to making a submission.

Each proposed plan addresses the Vision, Strategic Objectives, Values, Management Issues, Management Objectives, Strategies (including zoning) and Performance and Auditing of each proposed marine park.

The zoning and allowable activities within each proposed marine park are the areas of most interest to the recreational fishing community.

If you don't have time to familiarise yourself with all of the content of the indicative management plans, we recommend you focus on the zoning, and understanding the areas of importance to your recreational fishing experiences.

As a minimum, we recommend you read the summary of proposed management arrangements [here](#).

Maps of the zones, including a table of allowable activities, can be found within the summary document.

How to make a submission

Submissions on the proposed Buccaneer Archipelago Marine Park can be made in the following ways:

- By completing the online submission form at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/buccaneermarineparks>
- By posting a written submission to:
Aboriginal Engagement, Planning and Lands Branch
Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Locked Bag 104
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983
- By emailing a written submission to marineplanning@dbca.wa.gov.au

Submissions close on Friday, 11 June, (this has been extended from the original closing date of 21 May)

Online submissions

Recfishwest has provided a step-by-step guide for anyone wishing to make an online submission which you can access [here](#).

When making a submission, DBCA provides the following recommendations:

- be clear and concise;
- refer your points to the page numbers or specific sections in the plan;
- say whether you agree or disagree with any or all of the management objectives and strategies – clearly state your reasons, particularly if you disagree;
- give sources of information where possible
- suggest alternatives for those aspects of the plan with which you disagree.

DBCA has provided contact numbers should you have any questions about the online submission process:

- DBCA Kensington (08) 92129 9000
- DBCA Broome (08) 9193 5027

Written submissions

Should you prefer to send a written submission, Recfishwest recommends the following:

- Begin with an introduction. Provide some background about why you are making a submission, including what your connection with the area is.
- Set out your submission logically and practically. If your submission is long, consider breaking it up into different sections.
- Provide commentary on the overall management strategies and objectives in a single section. If you have ideas or comments about the overall management objectives, make them clear within this section.
- When commenting on proposed management of particular zones within the proposed park, make sure you are clear and concise. Outline the activities that you undertake there, where you do these activities and where you will be prohibited from doing them under the proposed plans. Be as specific as you can and explain why you believe that these activities are compatible with the ‘management objectives’ of that area (the management objectives are spelt out in the indicative management plans). If you believe there is a better way to manage a particular area or zone, put this forward
- If you are making comment about particular places, make sure you describe their locations accurately. Use common names for places, and where a place is un-named, provide a reference such as a GPS point or proximity to a known location. Again, be clear about why this area is important to you.
- Where you disagree with the zoning or management of an area, clearly state your reasons, and where you have a suggestion for alternative management, provide that also.
- Always make clear and concise recommendations. A common oversight when putting in a submission is to highlight opposition to management objectives and strategies without recommending alternative solutions.
- Where you agree with the zoning or management of an area, make this clear as well. Submissions should not just include those things you disagree about; it should also include any aspects of the proposed marine parks you think are good.
- Where you have evidence or external sources supporting your position, make sure you provide these.

Recfishwest is happy to provide advice on your written submission. Should you wish to seek feedback from Recfishwest, please email a draft of your written submission to matt@recfishwest.org.au at least one week prior to the submission deadline

General Information

Copies of the proposed management plans, including maps of proposed zoning can be found [here](#).

A summary of the proposed management arrangements can be found [here](#).

DBCA's recommendations for making your submission count can be found [here](#).