

PROPOSED SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



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How do I make my submission count?

The management plans for the proposed South Coast Marine Park are now available for public comment. The proposed marine park zoning scheme has been designed following an extensive consultation process with multiple stakeholder groups. It aims to protect the marine park's environmental and cultural values, while providing for ongoing sustainable uses, including fishing.

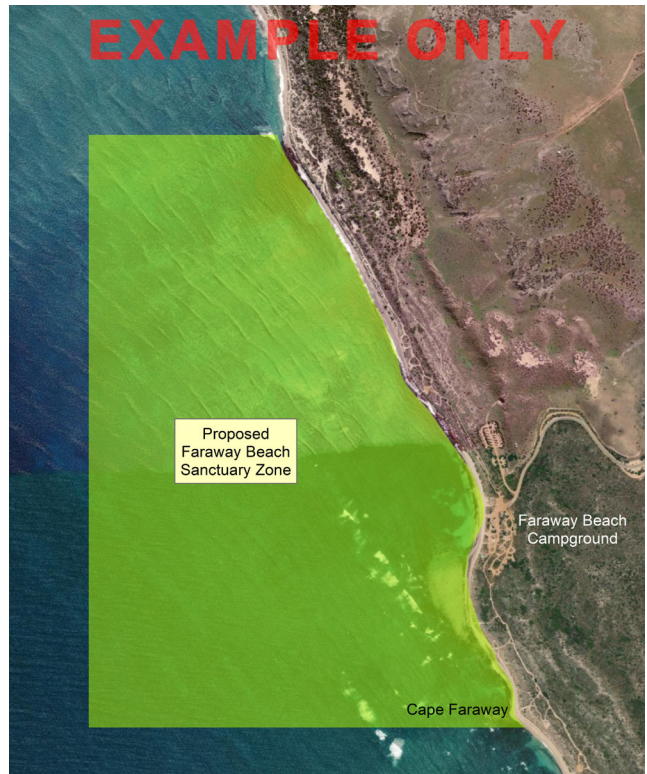
While planners from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) have used all available broadscale information to develop the proposed zoning scheme, DBCA is seeking fine scale information on how the park is used from the community during the public submission period.

Where areas of the marine park have been identified as being important for both conservation and use, efforts have been made to try to minimise impacts on existing use. We need your help to know if we have got this right. Consideration will be given to adjusting zone boundaries to better accommodate uses such as fishing, based on the fine scale information you provide.

DBCA is keen to hear the local community's views on the proposed zoning scheme. Your comments matter and will be used to amend and shape the final zoning scheme. To allow us to be able to properly consider your views, we ask that your feedback:

- is specific about what changes you would like to see made;
- provides reasons for your proposed changes; and
- suggests alternatives where appropriate, with a reasonable level of detail.

To help you consider what to include in your submission, please see the picture of a sanctuary zone at a fictional location. In this example a sanctuary zone is proposed adjacent to an existing campground.



The level of detail in your submission that would assist DBCA to make changes to this fictional sanctuary zone could be:

Generally I support the Faraway Beach Sanctuary Zone, but would like changes to be made in some areas. The campground is full in summer school holidays and popular with grey nomads. People throw in a line off the beach in front of the campground, as well as on the beach between the campground and Cape Faraway, where there are access tracks. I request the sanctuary zone is moved away from the beach here. People also launch their tinnies off the beach in front of the campground and fish the offshore reef south of the campground in good weather. I would like the sanctuary zone boundary to be adjusted so fishing can continue on this reef.

You can comment on the zoning scheme via DBCA's online survey tool at dbca.wa.gov.au/pscmp which allows you to comment on each zone, or email comments to DBCA at pscmp@dbca.wa.gov.au.

More information

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Have Your Say on the proposed South Coast Marine Park

Public comment is open for four months, until Sunday 16 June 2024.

Download the plans and make an online submission at: dbca.wa.gov.au/pscmp

Your feedback is important and will further shape how the proposed marine park will be managed into the future.