Have Your Say on the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Marine Park Proposal

The NSW Government is seeking your views on a proposed new marine park in the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion — the coastal waters in the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong region. A map of the proposed sites is provided overleaf.

WHAT IS THE MARINE PARK PROPOSAL?

The proposed marine park will consist of management changes at a network of 25 sites to enhance the conservation of marine biodiversity and maximise environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits to the NSW community.

The proposal complements nine initiatives being delivered to improve the health of the marine estate via the Marine Estate Management Strategy.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

Draft management objectives for each of the 25 sites are outlined in the discussion paper. The sites will be managed under one marine park management plan. Zones will be used to manage each site within the proposed marine park (including Sanctuary Zones, Conservation Zones and Special Purpose Zones). The design of the proposed park provides for greater flexibility to accommodate and enhance the existing uses in the bioregion, which includes Sydney Harbour.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You are invited to provide feedback through an online submission form available at www.marine.nsw.gov.au.