

1. What new science was referred to by the Review and did it recommend reduction of Marine National Park zones in the Coral Sea?

The Expert Scientific Panel's report, which was co-authored by Professor Bob Beeton, Professor Colin Buxton, Mr Peter Cochrane, Professor Sabine Dittman and Dr Julian G Pepperell, outlines the role of the Expert Scientific Panel and the relationship between it and the Bioregional Advisory Panel. The two panels were asked to coordinate their work but report separately.

The Expert Scientific Panel report contains a detailed account of the new science considered by the review panels, principally in Chapter 3: *Assessments of new scientific information to support Commonwealth marine reserve zoning and management decisions*. This information is mirrored in Chapter 3 of the report of the Bioregional Advisory Panel (*Advice from the Expert Scientific Panel*) and referred to throughout that report.

Both reports can be accessed in full on the Parks Australia website (<http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/review/reports.html>).

2. How many public submissions had been received when the Notice of Intent public consultation period was extended on 7 October and how many were from the recreational fishing sector?

As at 7 October, the Director of National Parks had received 49 non-campaign submissions, 6 of which were identified as being from the recreational fishing sector. The remainder were from a range of sectors, including Government, commercial fishing, general public, conservation and commercial tourism. As at 7 October, the Director had received 20795 campaign submissions, all from the conservation sector. 3369 of these were from a campaign identified as being from people with recreational fishing interests.