

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Program:** Director of National Parks  
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**Senator Roberts asked:**

Has the department done an impact analysis regarding the implementation of the Coral Sea Marine Reserve green zones?

**Answer:**

The Director of National Parks has commenced the process to develop a management plan for the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve. The Director is currently considering public comments, including those received from commercial and recreational fishers and tourism operators through the first of two statutory consultation periods required under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Comments received are informing consideration of final proposed zoning.

Parks Australia is working with the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) to cost the impacts of zoning options for commercial fishers before management plans are finalised.