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Senator Singh asked:

Was any science utilised in the development of the management plan for the South-East Reserve Network that was not used for the five scrapped management plans?

Answer:

Management plans are the primary tool for the conservation and management of the reserves. They set out the zoning, allowable activities and rules for use within the reserves. The management plans for the Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network were informed by the science that supported the development of the reserves as well as the Marine Bioregional Plans for each marine region.

The South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network was developed prior to the commencement of the Marine Bioregional Planning programme. The science underpinning the Marine Bioregional Plans supported the development of Commonwealth Marine Reserves networks in each region.