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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Is the Director of National Parks aware that the Review's recommended changes to zoning in the Coral Sea marine reserve which involve a very large increase in area open to pelagic longlining including over the black marlin spawning area, will compromise one of the important zoning outcomes achieved in the Coral Sea's 2013 management plan – the creation of what is effectively Australia's largest recreational fishing and artisanal commercial fishing zone?

**Answer:**

The Director of National Parks is aware of the Review's recommendations in relation to the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve, and will consider those recommendations and public feedback received through the two statutory consultation processes in preparing a final management plan for the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve.