



New South Wales

# Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Bill 2011

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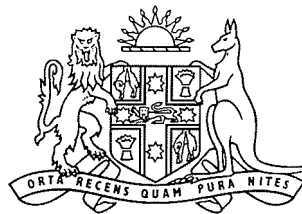
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*This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council*

*Clerk of the Parliaments.*



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## **Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Bill 2011**

Act No     , 2011

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An Act to amend the *Marine Parks Act 1997* to impose a moratorium on the declaration of additional marine parks or the alteration or creation of sanctuary zones within existing marine parks.

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Act 2011*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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## **Schedule 1      Amendment of Marine Parks Act 1997 No 64**

### **[1] Section 4 Definitions**

Insert in alphabetical order in section 4 (1):

***moratorium period*** means:

- (a) the period of 5 years commencing on the commencement of the *Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Act 2011*, or
- (b) if an order is made under section 48B specifying a shorter period commencing on that commencement, that shorter period.

### **[2] Section 6 Declaration of marine parks**

Insert after section 6 (5):

- (6) A proclamation declaring an area to be a marine park may not be made during the moratorium period.

### **[3] Section 17B Regulations relating to zoning plans for marine parks**

Insert “(other than subsection (5))” after “Division” in section 17B (4).

### **[4] Section 17B (5) and (6)**

Insert after section 17B (4):

- (5) A regulation that alters the area of an existing sanctuary zone within a marine park, or that classifies an area within a marine park as a new sanctuary zone, may not be made during the moratorium period.
- (6) In this section:
  - existing sanctuary zone*** means an area classified as a sanctuary zone by a zoning plan for a marine park that was in force immediately before the commencement of the *Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Act 2011*.
  - new sanctuary zone*** means an area of a marine park classified as a zone (of whatever name) by a zoning plan for the marine park if the zoning plan prohibits within that zone the same or substantially the same activities as were prohibited immediately before the commencement of the *Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Act 2011* within a sanctuary zone for that marine park.

**[5] Sections 48A and 48B**

Insert after section 48:

**48A Independent scientific audit of marine parks**

- (1) As soon as practicable after the commencement of the *Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Act 2011*, the relevant Ministers are to arrange for the carrying out of an independent scientific audit of marine parks.
- (2) A written report on the results of the audit is to be given to the relevant Ministers and forthwith made publicly available by the relevant Ministers.

**48B Moratorium period**

- (1) The Governor may, by order published on the NSW legislation website, specify a period commencing on the commencement of the *Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Act 2011* for the purposes of the definition of ***moratorium period*** in section 4 (1).
- (2) An order under this section may be made only on the recommendation of the relevant Ministers.
- (3) The relevant Ministers are not to recommend the making of the order unless:
  - (a) they have considered the report given to them under section 48A and any recommendations contained in the report, and
  - (b) they have provided a written response to the report that is publicly available.
- (4) During the moratorium period:
  - (a) the Authority must not conduct or continue to conduct any review of a zoning plan for a marine park under section 17D, and
  - (b) no other action is to be taken under that section in relation to a zoning plan for any marine park.

- (5) The regulations may, as a consequence of the operation of subsection (4):
  - (a) modify the time within which any requirement of section 17D is to be complied with in relation to a zoning plan or class of zoning plans, and
  - (b) alter the review date under that section for any zoning plan or class of zoning plans.