

**OCEAN RESCUE 2000**  
**MARINE PROTECTED AREA PROGRAM**

**Project No. G002/92**

**Report on 'A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western  
Australia'**

**A cooperative project between the Great Barrier Marine Park Authority and the Department of  
Conservation and Land Management of Western Australia**

**FINAL REPORT**

**APRIL 1998**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises the major activities and outcomes of the project entitled *Report on 'A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia'*, conducted as a cooperative project between the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) of Western Australia, under funding from the Ocean Rescue 2000 Marine Protected Area Program 1994/95, Project No. G002/92, and administered by GBRMPA.

The objective of the program was an analysis, and preparation of a report thereon, of public submissions on the recommendations of the report of the Western Australia Marine Parks and Reserves Selection Group (MPRSWG) titled *A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia* (CALM, 1994).

As with the companion study to this particular project (ie Ocean Rescue 2000 Project No. G020/96), since its inception there have been a number of major pioneering steps forward in marine conservation for Western Australia, culminating in the evolution of a new marine conservation framework that is underpinned by amendments to the CALM Act 1984 through the Acts Amendment (Marine Reserves) Act 1997. This project has made a significant contribution to the analysis and documentation of information in relation to some of the fundamental components of this framework. It has provided the resources to analyse the results of consultations with key stakeholders on the philosophical and technical basis of the MPRSWG's recommendations for a statewide system of representative multiple-use marine reserves and of the public submissions to the MPRSWG's recommendations and to prepare a report on the analysis of the public submissions.

## 1. Project brief

The objective of the program was an analysis, and preparation of a report thereon, of public submissions on the recommendations of the report of the Western Australian Marine Parks and Reserves Selection Working Group (MPRSWG) titled *A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia* (CALM, 1994).

The main components of the project were as follows.

1. To analyse the results of a consultation program with key stakeholders that sought their views on the philosophical and technical basis of the MPRSWG's report recommendations relating to the creation of a representative marine reserve system for Western Australia.
2. To prepare a report on the analysis of the public submissions.

The project specifications are presented in Appendix 1.

The project funding totalled \$28,000 of which the OR2000 funding component was \$16,000 and the Department of Conservation and Land Management funding contribution was \$12,000.

## 2. RESULTS

The MPRSWG group report (CALM, 1994) was submitted to the Minister for the Environment in May 1994 and subsequently released in June of that year for public comment. The period of submissions ran until January 1995. During the public comment period CALM, with the contracted assistance of Murex Consultants Pty Ltd, conducted a series of public briefings in Western Australian coastal towns from Kununurra in the north to Esperance in the south and provided specific briefings to Local Government, the fishing, mining and petroleum industries, aboriginal groups and other community groups.

The submissions that were received during the public comment period were analysed and documented in the report titled: *A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia - Analysis of Public Submissions on the Report of the Marine Parks and Reserves Selection Working Group* (CALM, 1997). The analysis of public submissions and preparation of the report were partly resourced via this project's funding.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix 2.

### 3. RESOURCING

The following table summarises the funding apportionment for this project.

ITEM	OR2000 (\$)	CALM (\$)
<u>1994-1996</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultancy fees for the analyses of public submissions and preparation of the report (Appendix 2) to penultimate draft stage.</li> <li>• CALM contribution (Marine Branch Manager) in the analyses of public submissions and preparation of the report (Appendix 2) to penultimate draft stage</li> </ul>	13800	12000
<u>1996-1997</u> Finalisation of final report (Appendix 2). CALM's contribution comprised senior and executive staff in the process of technical review, editing, and senior executive review phases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Officer (Marine Conservation Branch)</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Marine Conservation Branch Manager</li> </ul>	2200	14000 4000 8000
<b>Totals</b>	16000	38000

As shown in the above table the project funding allocation from the OR2000 grant amounted to the pre-specified (Appendix 1) total of \$16000. CALM's funding contribution was \$38000, which is consistent with CALM's commitment (Appendix 1) to contribute resources to the value of at least \$12000.

**APPENDIX 1**

**Correspondence containing project proposal**

RE>>Or 2000 Project G002/92

Chris,

Specs as follows

OCEAN RESCUE 2000 MARINE PROTECTED AREA PROGRAM  
1994/95

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

For a Cooperative Project involving the Great Barrier Reef Marine  
Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the Department of Conservation and  
Land Management Western Australia (CALM)

Project No: G002/92  
Project Title: Report on 'A Representative Marine Reserve  
System for Western Australia

Project Scope:

A report of fundamental strategic importance in the establishment of a  
representative marine conservation reserve system in Western Australian  
waters. Report recommends areas as marine parks and marine nature  
reserves or areas which should be further examined with a view to  
recommending marine parks and marine nature reserves. This component of  
the project aims to summarise and assess public comments on the report.  
A consultant will be employed for 100 hours to undertake the summation  
and to produce a report based on that assessment, including recommendations.

31 January 1995 Public comment period closes  
31 March 1995 Collation of public comments  
31 March 1995 Assessment of recommendations based on public comments  
30 April 1995 Preparation of report including recommended amendments  
Ongoing Briefing of indigenous groups

Reporting Requirements and Schedule:

Copies of final report to be provided to the Authority in June 1995

Completion Date:

May 1995

Acquittal Date:

Financial statement of expenditure as at 30 June 1995 to be forwarded to  
GBRMPA by 31 July 1995 if project still ongoing. Acquittal of funds to  
be forwarded to GBRMPA no later than sixty days after completion of

project.

Project Supervisor/Coordinator:

Hugh Chevis, Manager Marine Unit,, CALM  
09-3868811

Project Officer:

To be appointed

Project Officer (GBRMPA):

Jim Muldoon, Senior Consultant, External Services Section  
06-2470211

Payment Schedule:

75% to be paid immediately, 25% to be paid on receipt of final report in  
June 95

Agency Input (CALM): \$12,000

Salary and administrative support

Agency Input (GBRMPA):	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
	\$16 000	\$16 000

ANY VARIATION RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT AND THE ABOVE  
AGREEMENT MUST BE NOTIFIED TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK  
AUTHORITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Compiled 7 / 2 / 95

Project Officer GBRMPA

Project Supervisor

Original Text

From "Jim Muldoon" <jim\_muldoon@gbrmpa.gov.au>, on 3/23/98 8:10 AM:



**APPENDIX 2**

**Copy of the report: *A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia - Analysis of Public Submissions on the Report of the Marine Parks and Reserves Selection Working Group* (CALM, 1997).**

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Dear Mr Muldoon

**Final reports and acquittal of funds: (a) Ocean Rescue 2000 Marine Protected Area Program 1995/96, Project No. G020/96, *Strategy for the Implementation of Marine Reserves in Western Australia* and (b) Ocean Rescue 2000 Marine Protected Area Program 1994/95, Project No. G002/92, *Report on 'A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia'*.**

Further to our telephone conversation of this morning (5 May 1998) please find enclosed a further two copies of each of the above OR2000 final reports. My apologies for not sending these with the original reports.

Please let me know if there is anything else required.

Yours sincerely

Nick D'Adamo  
MARINE CONSERVATION BRANCH

5 May, 1998

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**Final report and acquittal of funds: Ocean Rescue 2000 Marine Protected Area Program 1994/95. Project No. G002/92. Report on 'A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia'.**

I am pleased to forward the enclosed final report for the above project. The report's appendices contain a copy of *A Representative Marine Reserve System for Western Australia - Analysis of Public Submissions on the Report of the Marine Parks and Reserves Selection Working Group*, which serves as the end product of this project.

In terms of expenditures, the project funds were allocated and spent as per the attached table, which has been extracted from the enclosed final report. The resulting total expenditure of \$16,000 from the project grant, complements a total contribution from the Department of Conservation and Land Management for this project of \$38,000, which fulfils this Department's requirement to contribute resources to a value not less than \$12,000.

As with its companion OR2000 project (Project No. G020/96), since its inception there have been a number of major pioneering steps forward in marine conservation for Western Australia, culminating in the evolution of a new marine conservation framework that is underpinned by amendments to the CALM Act 1984 through the Acts Amendment (Marine Reserves) Act 1997. This project has made a significant contribution to the analysis of public sentiment towards the State's new marine conservation framework and dissemination of information in relation to some of the fundamental components of that framework.

Again, thank you for your support and co-operation in the project.

I would be pleased to forward any further information that may be required to fulfil financial acquittal for this project.

Yours sincerely

Nick D'Adamo  
ACTING MANAGER  
MARINE CONSERVATION BRANCH

25 April, 1998

**Attachment**

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Nick - in most cases I've been able to extract amounts related to the analysis of public submissions. I think this figure is pretty close. \$13,896.67.

Check Stella 24/4

May have to get previous volume?

\$16,000

~~① Rita~~

million

① Stella King - Amunya

has been v. busy w/ NPRA & MPA stuff & is now having today off. I am not sure what I am looking for (see file #19)? I will see Amunya & Monday & get her to send costs for printing of analysis. File 27/3/98

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