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## REVIEW OF NINGALOO MARINE PARK MANAGEMENT PLANS

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**N**ingaloo Reef is the longest fringing-barrier coral reef system in Australia, extending south from Western Australia's North West Cape for some 250 kilometres to Amherst Point. The barrier reef encloses a narrow, shallow lagoon containing a high diversity of plants and animals typical of coral reef ecosystems. The sheltered waters of the Ningaloo Reef provide a variety of recreation and tourism opportunities for a growing number of domestic and international visitors.

The Ningaloo Marine Park, declared in 1987, includes State and Commonwealth waters of close to equal size (see map). By establishing Ningaloo Reef Marine Park, the State and Commonwealth Governments have provided a framework to protect the environmental values of the park and manage human activities.

The State waters of the Ningaloo Marine Park are vested in the Western Australian Marine Parks and Reserves Authority (MPRA). Environment Australia is responsible for the Commonwealth waters.

### MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR NINGALOO MARINE PARK

The Commonwealth and State components of the Ningaloo Marine Park are cooperatively managed as a single unit by WA Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) and Environment Australia. Fisheries Western Australia is responsible for managing recreational and State-managed commercial fishing in the Marine Park. These three agencies cooperate under a Memorandum of Understanding.

There are two plans of management for Ningaloo Marine Park, one for the State and one for the Commonwealth waters. These plans identify the management objectives and the strategies that protect the park's values as well as managing the impacts of human use. These plans are now being reviewed and the MPRA, CALM, Fisheries WA

and Environment Australia are undertaking a process to develop revised management plans.

### HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

To assist us in this process, the MPRA, CALM and Environment Australia invite you to make written submissions on the current and future management of Ningaloo Marine Park. There will be further opportunities for input for State waters via the Coral Coast Parks Advisory Committee (contact via CALM Exmouth Office) and other direct community consultations. Written submissions on the draft plans will be invited once the plans are released for public comment. Your submissions will be used in the preparation of the revised plans of management.

### WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS

If you do wish to make any comments on aspects of management of the park, you should send your written comments regarding the Commonwealth waters of Ningaloo Marine Park to:

Ms Lesley Hodges  
Marine Protected Areas  
Environment Australia  
GPO Box 787  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Or email: [lesley.hodges@ea.gov.au](mailto:lesley.hodges@ea.gov.au);

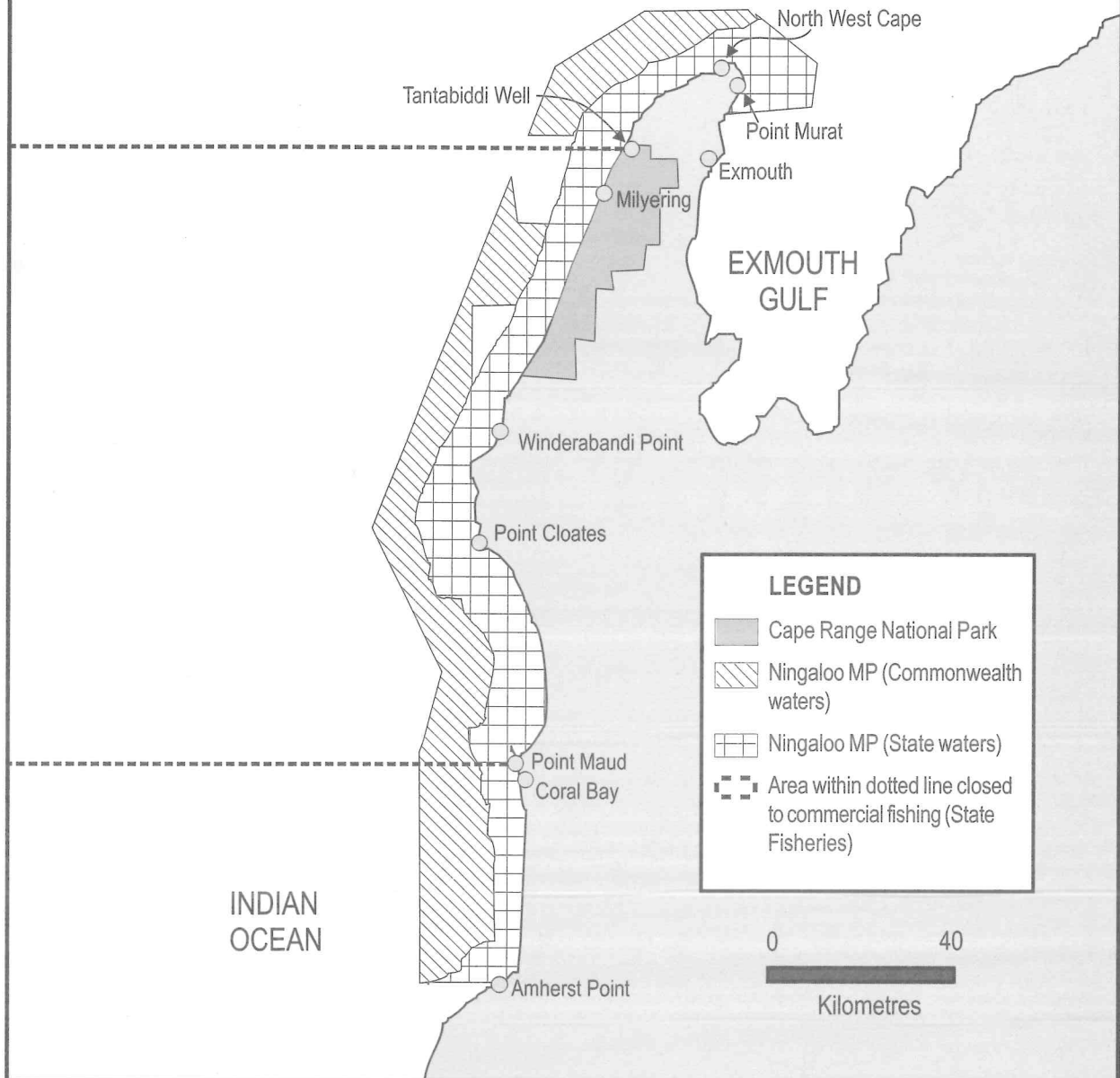
and your written comments regarding the State waters of Ningaloo Marine Park to:

Mr Doug Myers  
District Manager  
Department of Conservation and Land Management  
PO Box 201  
Exmouth WA 6707  
Email: [exmouth@calm.wa.gov.au](mailto:exmouth@calm.wa.gov.au)

The closing date for the receipt of any representations is 18 December 1999.

# Ningaloo Marine Park

## State and Commonwealth Waters



Your comments and suggestions will help to ensure that the widest range of community concerns are taken into account when the management plans are being revised. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make your views known.

As a guide, you may wish to provide comments in relation to the following topics. Your views on other management issues are also welcome.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK

- What aspects of the Marine Park's management are you concerned about and why?
- What would you suggest to change things?

### ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- Are the current measures being adopted by management adequate to protect the

environment of the park, its marine life and resident wildlife?

- Is there a need for changes to the zoning within the park to accommodate a wider range of activities or to provide a greater level of protection to certain marine habitats and ecosystems?
- Are endangered species being given an adequate level of protection, and if not, what further measures should be implemented?

### EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

- Do you find that there is sufficient information available to you on matters which interest you about the park?
- If not, what information do you think is important?

### RECREATIONAL PURSUITS

- Do you have any suggestions about the management of recreational activities within the waters of the park?

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Do you believe that there are any potentially dangerous activities which should be subject to regulation or restricted to certain zones within the park?

### COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Do you have any suggestions about the management of commercial activities within the waters of the park?
- For example, the current management plan for the Commonwealth Waters of Ningaloo states that commercial fishing is to be phased out during the life of that plan. What are your views on commercial fishing in the Commonwealth waters of the Marine Park?
- What are your views on petroleum exploration activities in or adjacent to the park?
- What are your views on nature-based tourism in the park?

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Would you like to be more actively involved in the management of the park?
- If so, how would you like to be involved?

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require more information on any of these issues or on any other matters regarding the management of the park please contact:

- for Commonwealth waters of the park

Ms Lesley Hodges  
Marine Protected Areas  
Environment Australia  
GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2601  
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- or for State waters of the park

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District Manager  
Department of Conservation and Land  
Management  
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Phone: 08 9949 1676  
Fax: 08 9949 1580

- for fisheries matters

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Regional Manager  
Fisheries WA  
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