

Minister for Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Ingram

Thank you for your letter of 11 July 2005 concerning issues related to marine park objectives and directed fisheries research within marine parks.

NSW marine parks are declared under the principle objective of biodiversity conservation. Marine parks in NSW are not declared as a fisheries management tool nor for the purpose of protecting or enhancing specific fisheries. However, there is evidence that marine park establishment can have positive impacts for resident fish communities.

Your letter identifies many issues with regard to the objectives and results of research undertaken within marine parks. In order to fully respond to these issues I have requested that staff from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Conservation Research and the Marine Park Research Committee make themselves available to meet with you at your convenience.

If you have further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Dr Bob Creese, DPI Principal Conservation Scientists, or Alan Jordan, Executive Officer, Marine Park Research Committee, on (02) 49821232

Yours Sincerely

Ian Macdonald MLC

(stamped 9 Nov 2005)