



New South Wales

Marine Parks Amendment Bill 2007

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Marine Parks Act 1997* (the **Principal Act**):

- (a) to establish a review process for zoning plans for marine parks that includes public consultation, and
- (b) to change the objectives of operational plans for marine parks and the process for making and reviewing those plans, and
- (c) to clarify that sand dredging for beach nourishment within a marine park does not constitute mining, and
- (d) to expand the regulation-making powers to enable regulation of aircraft in or over marine parks and the possession of animals, plants and materials taken from marine parks, and
- (e) to require relevant marine park closures to be taken into consideration before consent or approval is given to the carrying out of development on land in a marine park, and
- (f) to increase the penalties for certain offences under the Principal Act, and

- (g) to make various changes in relation to the functions of the Marine Parks Advisory Council and the functions and membership of marine parks advisory committees, and
- (h) to make other changes to improve the administration of the Principal Act and for the purposes of statute law revision.

The Bill also amends the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* to exempt zoning plans for marine parks from the operation of certain provisions of that Act.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Marine Parks Act 1997* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* set out in Schedule 2.

Clause 5 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after all the amendments made by the proposed Act have commenced. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Marine Parks Act 1997

Zoning plans for marine parks

Schedule 1 [2] repeals section 16 of the Principal Act which currently provides for regulations to be made prescribing zoning plans for marine parks.

Schedule 1 [6] inserts a new Division 1A into Part 3 of the Principal Act dealing with zoning plans for marine parks. The proposed Division consists of the following provisions:

Proposed section 17B enables regulations to be made with respect to the use and management of marine parks by means of prescribed zoning plans.

Proposed section 17C sets out the procedure for making zoning plans for a marine park which includes a 3 month public consultation period.

Proposed section 17D requires reviews of each zoning plan for a marine park to be undertaken by the Marine Parks Authority and submitted to the relevant Ministers. The initial review for a zoning plan is to be undertaken as soon as practicable after 5 years from the commencement of the zoning plan and subsequent reviews are to be undertaken as soon as practicable after 10 years from the previous review date.

Proposed section 17E sets out the procedure for amending a zoning plan for a marine park. The same procedure applies as for the making of the zoning plan (that is, 3 months of public consultation required) except where the relevant Ministers

consider that the amendment is to be made as a consequence of the making of certain instruments under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* or the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* of the Commonwealth, or the amendment is of a minor nature.

Proposed section 17F provides that the zoning plan for a marine park prevails over any relevant plan of management under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

Schedule 1 [1], [5], [8], [10], [12], [14] and [26] make consequential amendments.

Operational plans for marine parks

Schedule 1 [27] omits sections 24–26C of the Principal Act which deal with operational plans for marine parks and inserts the following proposed sections:

Proposed section 24 sets out the objective of an operational plan for a marine park which is to identify and define a scheme of the strategies, actions or activities that are proposed to be undertaken by the Marine Parks Authority (including arrangements with other agencies) to operate the marine park.

Proposed section 25 provides for the Marine Parks Authority to adopt a draft operational plan after referring the draft to the advisory committee for the marine park for advice and considering any of the committee's comments.

Proposed section 26 enables the Marine Parks Authority to amend or replace the operational plan for a marine park. The same procedure applies to any amendment or replacement of an operational plan as applies to its adopting.

Proposed section 26A requires the Marine Parks Authority to review an operational plan for a marine park as soon as practicable after the zoning plan for the marine park is amended or replaced, except after a minor amendment to the zoning plan.

Schedule 1 [28] makes a consequential amendment.

Activities in marine parks

Schedule 1 [3] amends section 17 of the Principal Act to enable regulations to be made regulating or prohibiting the possession of animals, plants or materials that have been taken from marine parks.

Schedule 1 [4] amends section 17 of the Principal Act to enable regulations to be made regulating or prohibiting the use of aircraft over or within marine parks.

Schedule 1 [7] amends section 18 of the Principal Act to make it clear that sand extraction for the purpose of beach nourishment does not constitute mining in a marine park.

Schedule 1 [16] amends section 20A of the Principal Act to make it clear that a marine park closure (that is, a notification under that section that prohibits the carrying out of a specified activity in a marine park or part of a marine park) may prohibit an activity unless the consent of the Marine Parks Authority or a permit issued by the Authority has been obtained.

Schedule 1 [9], [11], [13] and [15] amend section 19 of the Principal Act to require a consent authority for development under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in a marine park, or the determining authority for the carrying out of an activity (within the meaning of Part 5 of that Act) in a marine park, to take into consideration any relevant marine park closures.

Schedule 1 [17] amends section 20H of the Principal Act which currently enables the Marine Parks Authority to direct the owner or person responsible for certain property left in a marine park to remove it and makes it an offence to fail to comply with the direction. The proposed amendment defines who is taken to be a person responsible for the property.

Schedule 1 [20] amends section 20H of the Principal Act to increase the penalties for the offence of failing to comply with such a direction.

Schedule 1 [22] amends section 20H of the Principal Act to enable the Marine Parks Authority to repair, remedy, mitigate or prevent further damage caused by any such property if the Authority considers that significant environmental damage has been or is likely to be caused by the property.

Schedule 1 [18], [19], [21], [23] and [24] contain consequential amendments to section 20H of the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 [25] omits section 21 of the Principal Act which currently requires the Minister administering Part 3 of the *Coastal Protection Act 1979* to notify the Marine Parks Authority of the Minister's intention to give concurrence under that Part to the carrying out of development within a marine park or the use or occupation of any area in a marine park. Section 19 of the Principal Act deals comprehensively with proposed development and activities within a marine park.

Schedule 1 [41] amends section 48 of the Principal Act to increase the penalties that may be imposed for offences under the regulations.

Marine Parks Authority, Marine Parks Advisory Council and marine parks advisory committees

Schedule 1 [32], [33] and [34] amend section 33 of the Principal Act to qualify the functions of the Marine Parks Advisory Council. The proposed amendments provide that the Council is to give its advice in relation to the matters specified in that section from a statewide perspective and remove the functions of giving advice in relation to variations of the areas of marine parks and the classification of areas within marine parks.

Schedule 1 [35] substitutes section 35 of the Principal Act to change the constitution of advisory committees for marine parks so as to remove the requirement that a committee has to comprise at least 9 members and that there are to be members of the committee representing the interests of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Department of Primary Industries. The proposed amendment also inserts proposed section 35AA into the Principal Act which sets out the functions of marine parks advisory committees. These are similar to their existing functions under the current section 35 of the Principal Act with the addition of advising on marine park closures.

Schedule 1 [40] substitutes section 44 of the Principal Act to enable certain ex officio members of the Marine Parks Authority and the Marine Parks Advisory Council to appoint specified officers to act in their place.

Schedule 1 [43] amends Schedule 2 to the Principal Act to enable the relevant Ministers to remove an appointed member of the Marine Parks Advisory Council or a marine parks advisory committee, on the request of the Marine Parks Authority, if the Authority considers that the person is unable to adequately represent the interests that he or she was appointed to represent or is unable to adequately provide the relevant expertise.

Schedule 1 [45] amends Schedule 2 to the Principal Act to enable the relevant Ministers to appoint alternate members to act in the absence of an appointed member of the Marine Parks Advisory Council or a marine parks advisory committee. The proposed amendment also enables the transaction of business by the Marine Parks Advisory Council or a marine parks advisory committee by the circulation of papers or by telephone or other appropriate means.

Other miscellaneous amendments

Schedule 1 [36] amends section 35A of the Principal Act to enable the relevant Ministers to appoint any officer or employee of a Government Department or public or local authority as a marine park ranger.

Schedule 1 [29]–[31], [37]–[39], [42], [44] and [47] amend various provisions of the Principal Act to update references to positions and Government Departments.

Schedule 1 [46] and [48] contain savings and transitional provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Subordinate Legislation Act 1989

Schedule 2 [1] amends section 10 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*, which provides for the staged repeal of statutory rules, so as to exempt from the operation of that section regulations containing only provisions relating to zoning plans for marine parks.

Schedule 2 [2] amends Schedule 3 to the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*, which lists matters not requiring regulatory impact statements under that Act, so as to include in that Schedule zoning plans for marine parks.



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No , 2007

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Marine Parks Act 1997* to make further provision with respect to the management and operation of marine parks; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Marine Parks Amendment Act 2007</i> .	3
2 Commencement	4
This Act commences on the date of assent.	5
3 Amendment of Marine Parks Act 1997 No 64	6
The <i>Marine Parks Act 1997</i> is amended as set out in Schedule 1.	7
4 Amendment of Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 No 146	8
The <i>Subordinate Legislation Act 1989</i> is amended as set out in Schedule 2.	9 10
5 Repeal of Act	11
(1) This Act is repealed on the day following the day on which this Act commences.	12 13
(2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 30 of the <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> , affect any amendment made by this Act.	14 15

Schedule 1 Amendment of Marine Parks Act 1997

(Section 3)

[1] Section 4 DefinitionsOmit the definition of *marine park closure* from section 4 (1).

Insert in alphabetical order:

aircraft means any airborne craft, including a fixed wing craft, helicopter, gyrocopter, glider, hang glider, hot air balloon and airship.

marine park closure—see section 20A.

zoning plan for a marine park means the zoning plan for the marine park established by a regulation referred to in section 17B.

[2] Section 16 Regulations relating to zoning plans for marine parks

Omit the section.

[3] Section 17 Other regulations for marine parks

Insert “and the possession of animals, plants or materials that have been taken from marine parks” after “marine parks” in section 17 (c).

[4] Section 17 (j)

Insert after section 17 (i):

- (j) regulating or prohibiting the use of aircraft over or within marine parks.

[5] Section 17A Offences against management regulations

Insert “or Division 1A” after “this Division” in section 17A.

[6] Part 3, Division 1A

Insert after section 17A:

Division 1A Zoning plans**17B Regulations relating to zoning plans for marine parks**

- (1) Without affecting the generality of Division 1, the regulations may make provision for or with respect to the use and management of a marine park by means of a zoning plan set out in the regulations.

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| (2) | A zoning plan may include provisions for or with respect to the following: | 1 |
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| (a) | the classification of areas within a marine park (for example as sanctuary zones, habitat protection zones and general use zones), | 3 |
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| (b) | the uses that are permitted or prohibited within such areas, | 6 |
| (c) | the management of such areas. | 7 |
| (3) | The relevant Ministers must not recommend the making of regulations that establish a zoning plan unless the relevant Ministers are satisfied that the provisions of this Division have been complied with in the making of the regulations. | 8 |
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| (4) | Failure to comply with any provision of this Division does not affect the validity of a regulation establishing a zoning plan. | 12 |
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| 17C | Making zoning plans for marine parks | 14 |
| (1) | The Authority, in consultation with the advisory committee for a marine park, is to cause a draft zoning plan to be prepared within 18 months after the declaration of the marine park. | 15 |
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| (2) | The Authority is to submit the draft zoning plan to the relevant Ministers together with any comments from the advisory committee for the marine park. | 18 |
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| (3) | Within 3 months after receiving the draft zoning plan, the relevant Ministers are to: | 21 |
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| (a) | cause public notice to be given of the draft zoning plan, or | 23 |
| (b) | refer the draft zoning plan back to the Authority for further consideration. | 24 |
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| (4) | The notice is to: | 26 |
| (a) | specify the address of each place at which copies of the draft zoning plan are available, and | 27 |
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| (b) | invite submissions to be made on the draft zoning plan before the date specified in the notice (being a date not less than 3 months after the date of the notice), and | 29 |
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| (c) | specify the address to which submissions are to be forwarded. | 32 |
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| (5) | The relevant Ministers are to consider: | 34 |
| (a) | any submissions made before the date referred to in subsection (4) (b), or such later date as the relevant Ministers allow, and | 35 |
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	(b) any comments from the advisory committee for the marine park.	1 2
(6)	Within 3 months after the date referred to in subsection (4) (b) the relevant Ministers are to:	3 4
	(a) submit a regulation to the Governor setting out the zoning plan for the marine park with such modifications, if any, as the relevant Ministers think fit, or	5 6 7
	(b) refer the draft zoning plan back to the Authority for further consideration.	8 9
17D	Review of zoning plans for marine parks	10
(1)	In this section, the <i>review date</i> for a zoning plan for a marine park is:	11 12
	(a) for the first review of the zoning plan—the date that is 5 years after the commencement of the first zoning plan made for the marine park, or	13 14 15
	(b) for the second or any subsequent review of the zoning plan—the date that is 10 years after the previous review date for the zoning plan.	16 17 18
(2)	The Authority is to conduct a review of the zoning plan for each marine park as soon as practicable after the review date for the zoning plan to determine whether the plan remains appropriate for securing the objects of this Act.	19 20 21 22
(3)	In conducting a review, the Authority is to prepare a review report that includes:	23 24
	(a) the assessment of existing arrangements for:	25
	(i) the conservation of natural and cultural heritage, and	26 27
	(ii) sustainable resource use, and	28
	(iii) the management of zones, and	29
	(b) any relevant findings and recommendations arising from the review, and	30 31
	(c) such other information arising from the review as the Authority considers appropriate.	32 33
(4)	The review report is to be referred to the advisory committee for the marine park concerned for comment.	34 35
(5)	A copy of the review report, including any comments from the advisory committee for the marine park, is to be given to the	36 37

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| | relevant Ministers no later than 12 months after the relevant review date for the plan. | 1
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| (6) | Within 3 months after receiving a review report, the relevant Ministers are to direct the Authority to: | 3
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| | (a) cause a draft zoning plan to be prepared to replace the zoning plan for the marine park, or | 5
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| | (b) cause a draft zoning plan to be prepared to amend the zoning plan for the marine park, or | 7
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| | (c) take such other action in relation to the marine park as specified by the relevant Ministers. | 9
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| 17E | Amending zoning plans for marine parks | 11 |
| (1) | The relevant Ministers may, at any time, recommend the making of a regulation to amend the zoning plan for a marine park. | 12
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| (2) | Without limiting subsection (1), the relevant Ministers may recommend the making of a regulation to amend the zoning plan for a marine park as a consequence of any of the following: | 14
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| | (a) the publication of a critical habitat declaration, threat abatement plan or recovery plan under the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> , | 17
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| | (b) the publication of a critical habitat declaration, threat abatement plan or recovery plan under the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i> , | 20
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| | (c) the making of any instrument under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> of the Commonwealth in relation to species, ecological communities, places or activities that is relevant to the marine park, | 23
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| | (d) the making of a proclamation under this Act varying the area of the marine park. | 28
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| (3) | At the direction of the relevant Ministers, the Authority is, in consultation with the advisory committee for the marine park, to cause a draft zoning plan to be prepared to amend a zoning plan. | 30
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| (4) | Section 17C (2)–(6) apply to the making of an amendment to the zoning plan for a marine park in the same way as they apply to the making of a zoning plan under that section unless the relevant Ministers are of the opinion that: | 33
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| | (a) the amendment is to be made as a consequence of any event referred to in subsection (2) (a)–(c), or | 37
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| | (b) the proposed amendment is of a minor nature. | 39 |

17F Relationship with other plans of management	1
If an area within a marine park is subject to a plan of management under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> or the <i>Crown Lands Act 1989</i> , the zoning plan for the marine park prevails over the plan of management to the extent of any inconsistency.	2 3 4 5
[7] Section 18 Mining in marine parks prohibited	6
Insert after section 18 (3):	7
(4) This section does not apply to or in respect of sand extraction for the purpose of beach nourishment.	8 9
[8] Section 19 Development within marine park—application of EPA Act	10
Omit section 19 (1) (a) (ii). Insert instead:	11
(ii) if there is a zoning plan for the marine park, the objects of the zone within which the area concerned is situated as specified in that zoning plan, and	12 13 14
[9] Section 19 (1) (a) (iv)	15
Insert after section 19 (1) (a) (iii):	16
(iv) any relevant marine park closures, and	17
[10] Section 19 (2) (a) (ii)	18
Omit the subparagraph. Insert instead:	19
(ii) if there is a zoning plan for the marine park, the objects of the zone within which the area concerned is situated as specified in that zoning plan, and	20 21 22
[11] Section 19 (2) (a) (iv)	23
Insert after 19 (2) (a) (iii):	24
(iv) any relevant marine park closures, and	25
[12] Section 19 (3) (a) (ii)	26
Omit the subparagraph. Insert instead:	27
(ii) if there is a zoning plan for the marine park, the objects of the zone within which the area concerned is situated as specified in that zoning plan, and	28 29 30
[13] Section 19 (3) (a) (iv)	31
Insert after section 19 (3) (a) (iii):	32
(iv) any relevant marine park closures, and	33

[14] Section 19 (4) (b)	1
Omit the paragraph. Insert instead:	2
(b) if there is a zoning plan for the marine park, the objects of	3
the zone within which the area concerned is situated as	4
specified in that zoning plan, and	5
[15] Section 19 (4) (d)	6
Insert at the end of section 19 (4) (c):	7
, and	8
(d) any relevant marine park closures.	9
[16] Section 20A Prohibition of activities in marine parks	10
Insert after section 20A (3) (a):	11
(a1) without limiting paragraph (a), may prohibit the carrying	12
out of an activity unless the consent of the Authority or a	13
permit issued by the Authority has been obtained, and	14
[17] Section 20H Removal of wrecked vessels and other property from	15
marine parks	16
Omit section 20H (1). Insert instead:	17
(1) In this section:	18
<i>person responsible</i> , in respect of removable property, means:	19
(a) the person who caused the property to be in the marine	20
park, or	21
(b) if the person referred to in paragraph (a) is unknown or is	22
unable to remove the property—the person who has	23
control of the property, or	24
(c) if the persons referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) are	25
unknown or are unable to remove the property—the owner	26
of the property.	27
<i>removable property</i> includes:	28
(a) any sunken or wrecked vessel, or	29
(b) any abandoned property, or	30
(c) anything unlawfully erected or placed.	31
[18] Section 20H (2)	32
Omit “the owner of or person responsible for any unused property”.	33
Insert instead “the person responsible for any removable property”.	34

[19] Section 20H (2)	1
Omit “owner or”.	2
[20] Section 20H (2)	3
Omit “500” and “100”. Insert instead “1000” and “200”, respectively.	4
[21] Section 20H (3)	5
Omit “unused” wherever occurring. Insert instead “removable”.	6
[22] Section 20H (4A)	7
Insert after section 20H (4):	8
(4A) If, in the opinion of the Authority, significant environmental damage has been, or is likely to be, caused by removable property in a marine park, the Authority may take such steps as the Authority considers appropriate to do any or all of the following:	9
(a) repair or remedy any damage to the environment caused by the property,	10
(b) mitigate any damage to the environment caused by the property,	11
(c) prevent any further damage to the environment by the property.	12
[23] Section 20H (5)	13
Omit “owner of or person responsible for the unused property”.	14
Insert instead “person responsible for the removable property”.	15
[24] Section 20H (6)	16
Omit “unused property” wherever occurring.	17
Insert instead “removable property”.	18
[25] Section 21 Relationship with Coastal Protection Act 1979	19
Omit the section.	20
[26] Section 23 Preparation of operational plan for marine park	21
Omit “after the declaration of the marine park”.	22
Insert instead “after the establishment of a zoning plan for the marine park”.	23

[27] Sections 24–26A	1
Omit sections 24–26C. Insert instead:	2
24 Objective of operational plan for marine park	3
The objective of an operational plan for a marine park is to identify and define a scheme of the strategies, actions or activities that are proposed to be undertaken by the Authority (including arrangements with other agencies) to operate a marine park, consistent with the zoning plan for the marine park and the objects of this Act.	4 5 6 7 8 9
25 Adoption of operational plan	10
(1) The Authority is to prepare a draft operational plan for a marine park having regard to the zoning plan for the park and the objects of this Act.	11 12 13
(2) The Authority is to refer the draft operational plan to the advisory committee for the marine park concerned for consideration and advice.	14 15 16
(3) The Authority is to consider any comments it receives from the advisory committee for the marine park within the period specified by the Authority when referring the plan (being a period of not less than 28 days).	17 18 19 20
(4) The Authority is to adopt an operational plan for a marine park as soon as practicable and, before doing so, may make such changes (if any) to the draft plan as it thinks appropriate to take account of the comments received from the advisory committee.	21 22 23 24
26 Alteration or replacement of operational plan for marine park	25
(1) The Authority may, at any time, amend or replace the operational plan for a marine park.	26 27
(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the Authority may amend or replace the operational plan for the marine park as a consequence of a review conducted under section 26A.	28 29 30
(3) Section 25 applies to the amendment or replacement of an operational plan under this section in the same way as it applies to the initial operational plan for a marine park.	31 32 33
26A Review of operational plan for marine park	34
(1) The Authority is to review the operational plan for a marine park as soon as practicable after the zoning plan for the marine park is amended or replaced.	35 36 37

(2)	Despite subsection (1), the Authority is not required to review the operational plan for a marine park under that subsection after the amendment of the zoning plan for the marine park if the Authority is of the opinion that the amendment is minor in nature.	1 2 3 4
[28]	Section 28 Relationship with other plans of management	5
	Omit the section.	6
[29]	Section 29 Establishment of Marine Parks Authority	7
	Omit section 29 (2). Insert instead:	8
(2)	The Authority consists of:	9
(a)	the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet who is to be the Chairperson of the Authority, and	10 11
(b)	the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries, and	12 13
(c)	the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change.	14 15
[30]	Section 31 Staff of the Authority	16
	Omit “National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW Fisheries”.	17
	Insert instead “Department of Environment and Climate Change, Department of Primary Industries”.	18 19
[31]	Section 32 Establishment of Marine Parks Advisory Council	20
	Omit “Director-General of NSW Fisheries, the Director-General of National Parks and Wildlife” from section 32 (2).	21 22
	Insert instead “Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries, the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change”.	23 24
[32]	Section 33 Functions of Marine Parks Advisory Council	25
	Insert “from a statewide perspective” after “matters” in section 33 (2).	26
[33]	Section 33 (2) (a)	27
	Omit “and variations of the areas of marine parks”.	28
[34]	Section 33 (2) (b)	29
	Omit the paragraph.	30

[35] Sections 35 and 35AA	1
Omit section 35. Insert instead:	2
35 Establishment of marine parks advisory committees	3
(1) The relevant Ministers must establish an advisory committee for each marine park.	4 5
(2) An advisory committee is to include such members as are appointed by the relevant Ministers who, in the opinion of the relevant Ministers, represent the interests of the following:	6 7 8
(a) marine conservation,	9
(b) marine science,	10
(c) Aboriginal people,	11
(d) the tourism industry,	12
(e) commercial fishers,	13
(f) recreational fishers,	14
(g) scuba divers,	15
(h) local councils.	16
(3) The advisory committee for a marine park may include more than one representative in respect of each interest referred to in subsection (2) and other representatives as determined by the relevant Ministers.	17 18 19 20
(4) The relevant Ministers must publicly call for nominations for members of an advisory committee to represent the interests referred to in subsection (2), other than for members to represent the interests of local councils.	21 22 23 24
(5) The relevant Ministers are to nominate a member of the advisory committee to be the chairperson of the advisory committee.	25 26
(6) The provisions of Schedule 2 apply to an advisory committee in the same way as they apply to the Advisory Council with any necessary modifications, including modifications (if any) prescribed by the regulations.	27 28 29 30
(7) In this section, <i>modification</i> includes addition, exception, omission or substitution.	31 32
35AA Functions of marine parks advisory committees	33
(1) An advisory committee has such functions as are conferred on it by or under this or any other Act.	34 35

	(2) In particular, advisory committees are, on the request of the relevant Ministers or the Authority, to advise on any of the following matters relating to the marine park in relation to which the advisory committee was established:	1
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	(a) provisions of an operational plan or zoning plan for the marine park,	5
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	(b) the appropriate classification of areas within the marine park for the purposes of a proposed zoning plan for the marine park,	7
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	(c) the conservation of marine biological diversity,	10
	(d) the ecologically sustainable use of the marine park and whether any particular use of the marine park is not ecologically sustainable,	11
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	(e) the use and enjoyment of the marine park by members of the public,	14
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	(f) the application of marine park closures.	16
[36]	Section 35A Marine park rangers	17
	Omit section 35A (2). Insert instead:	18
	(2) The relevant Ministers may appoint an officer or employee of a Government Department or a public or local authority as a marine park ranger for the purposes of this Act.	19
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[37]	Section 36 Application of Fisheries Management Act 1994	22
	Omit “National Parks and Wildlife” from section 36 (2) (d).	23
	Insert instead “the Department of Environment and Climate Change”.	24
[38]	Section 37 Application of National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974	25
	Omit “Director of NSW Fisheries” from section 37 (2) (a).	26
	Insert instead “Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries”.	27
[39]	Section 42 Marine Parks Fund	28
	Omit section 42 (2) (a). Insert instead:	29
	(a) the costs and expenses incurred by the relevant Ministers, the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries, the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Authority in the carrying out of functions under this Act, and	30
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[40] Section 44	1
Omit the section. Insert instead:	2
44 Nominees	3
(1) The Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet may nominate an officer of that Department to act in the place of the Director-General as a member of the Authority.	4 5 6
(2) The Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change may nominate an officer of that Department to act in the place of the Director-General as a member of the Authority or the Advisory Council.	7 8 9 10
(3) The Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries may nominate an officer of that Department to act in the place of the Director-General as a member of the Authority or the Advisory Council.	11 12 13 14
(4) A nominee appointed under this section by the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet has, while acting in the place of the Director-General as a member of the Authority, all of the functions of a member of the Authority (including the functions of the Chairperson) and is taken to be such a member.	15 16 17 18 19
(5) A nominee appointed under this section by the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change has, while acting in the place of the Director-General as a member of the Authority or the Advisory Council, all of the functions of a member of the Authority or the Advisory Council (as the case may be) and is taken to be such a member. In the case of a nominee to act as a member of the Advisory Council, those functions include any functions of the Director-General in relation to chairing meetings of the Advisory Council.	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
(6) A nominee appointed under this section by the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries has, while acting in the place of the Director-General as a member of the Authority or the Advisory Council, all of the functions of a member of the Authority or the Advisory Council (as the case may be) and is taken to be such a member. In the case of a nominee to act as a member of the Advisory Council, those functions include any functions of the Director-General in relation to chairing meetings of the Advisory Council.	29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37
[41] Section 48 Regulations	38
Omit “100” from section 48 (2). Insert instead “200”.	39

[42] Schedule 2 Provisions relating to members and procedure of Advisory Council	1 2
Omit the definition of <i>appointed member</i> from clause 1. Insert instead:	3
<i>appointed member</i> means a member appointed by the relevant Ministers.	4 5
[43] Schedule 2, clause 4	6
Insert after clause 4 (2):	7
(3) The Authority may request that the relevant Ministers exercise their power under subclause (2) to remove a person from office if, in the opinion of the Authority, the person becomes unable to adequately represent the interests that the member was appointed to represent, or is unable to adequately provide the expertise that the member was appointed to provide.	8 9 10 11 12 13
(4) The relevant Ministers may, but need not, remove a person from office in response to a request from the Authority under subclause (3).	14 15 16
[44] Schedule 2, clause 6	17
Omit “the Director of NSW Fisheries and the Director-General of National Parks and Wildlife”.	18 19
Insert instead “the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries and the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change”.	20 21 22
[45] Schedule 2, clauses 12 and 13	23
Insert after clause 11:	24
12 Alternate members	25
(1) The relevant Ministers may, from time to time, appoint a person to be the alternate of an appointed member, and the relevant Ministers may revoke any such appointment.	26 27 28
(2) In the absence of an appointed member, the member’s alternate may, if available, act in the place of the member.	29 30
(3) While acting in the place of an appointed member, the alternate of the member:	31 32
(a) has all of the functions of the member and is taken to be the member, and	33 34

(b)	is entitled to be paid such allowances as the relevant Ministers may from time to time determine in respect of the person.	1 2 3
(4)	For the purposes of this clause, a vacancy in the office of an appointed member is taken to be an absence of the appointed member.	4 5 6
(5)	For the purposes of this clause, the functions of an appointed member do not include the member's functions as the Chairperson, unless the relevant Ministers otherwise direct.	7 8 9
13	Transaction of business outside meetings or by telephone	10
(1)	The Advisory Council may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business by the circulation of papers among all of the members of the Advisory Council for the time being, and a resolution in writing approved in writing by a majority of the members is taken to be a decision of the Advisory Council.	11 12 13 14 15
(2)	The Advisory Council may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business at a meeting at which members (or some members) participate by telephone, closed-circuit television or other means, but only if any member who speaks on a matter before the meeting can be heard by the other members.	16 17 18 19 20
(3)	For the purposes of:	21
(a)	the approval of a resolution under subclause (1), or	22
(b)	a meeting held in accordance with subclause (2),	23
	the Chairperson and each member have the same voting rights as they have at an ordinary meeting of the Advisory Council.	24 25
(4)	A resolution approved under subclause (1) is, subject to the regulations, to be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Advisory Council.	26 27 28
(5)	Papers may be circulated among the members for the purposes of subclause (1) by facsimile or other transmission of the information in the papers concerned.	29 30 31
[46]	Schedule 3 Savings, transitional and other provisions	32
	Insert at the end of clause 1 (1):	33
	<i>Marine Parks Amendment Act 2007</i>	34

[47] Schedule 3, clause 2	1
Omit “Director of NSW Fisheries” from clause 2 (7) (b).	2
Insert instead “Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries”.	3
[48] Schedule 3, Part 4	4
Insert after Part 3:	5
Part 4 Provisions consequent on enactment of Marine Parks Amendment Act 2007	6
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6 Definitions	8
In this Part:	9
<i>amending Act</i> means the <i>Marine Parks Amendment Act 2007</i> .	10
<i>existing zoning plan</i> means a zoning plan prescribed by regulations in force immediately before the repeal of section 16 by the amending Act.	11
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7 Existing zoning plans for marine parks	14
(1) On the repeal of section 16 by the amending Act, an existing zoning plan is taken to have been made for the purposes of Division 1A of Part 3 of this Act (as inserted by the amending Act).	15
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(2) Despite section 17D (1) (a), the review date for the purposes of that section for the first review of the Solitary Islands Marine Park Zoning Plan and the Jervis Bay Marine Park Zoning Plan is the date of commencement of section 17D.	19
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8 Existing marine park advisory committee	23
(1) An advisory committee in existence under section 35 immediately before its substitution by the amending Act is taken to have been validly established under section 35 as so substituted.	24
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(2) A person who, immediately before the substitution of section 35 by the amending Act, was a member of an advisory committee for a marine park continues to be a member of the advisory committee for the marine park for the remainder of the term of office.	28
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9	Existing operational plans for marine parks	1
	An operational plan that was in force immediately before the	2
	substitution of section 25 by the amending Act is taken to have	3
	been adopted under that section as so substituted.	4
10	Existing marine park rangers	5
	A person who, immediately before the amendment of section	6
	35A by the amending Act, was a marine park ranger is taken to	7
	have been validly appointed as a marine park ranger under	8
	section 35A as so amended.	9
11	Existing nominees	10
	A nomination in force under section 44 immediately before the	11
	substitution of that section by the amending Act is taken to be a	12
	nomination under that section as so substituted.	13

Schedule 2	Amendment of Subordinate Legislation Act 1989	1
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	(Section 4)	3
[1]	Section 10 Staged repeal of statutory rules	4
	Insert after section 10 (4):	5
	(5) This section does not apply in respect of a regulation comprising only provisions relating to zoning plans for marine parks under the <i>Marine Parks Act 1997</i> .	6
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[2]	Schedule 3 Matters not requiring regulatory impact statements	9
	Insert at the end of the Schedule:	10
	9 A zoning plan for a marine park under the <i>Marine Parks Act 1997</i> .	11
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