

## Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee

### Meeting 13 Communiqué

Videoconference link via MS Teams 13 November 2025

#### Meeting Overview

The thirteenth meeting of the Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee was held via MS Teams on 13 November 2025.

The Chair gave an Acknowledgement of Country and thanked attendees for joining the meeting remotely via MS Teams.

The agenda included updates from Parks Australia's Executive, the Australian Marine Parks (AMP) Review team and an introduction of the independent evaluation team from ORIMA Research and a discussion about Member involvement in management plan review.

#### Executive update

Shaun Barclay, Branch Head for Marine and Island Parks provided an update on the new management plans for the South-east Network and Indian Ocean Territories. He also discussed the Management Plan reviews for the marine park networks and Temperate East in relation to the 30 by 30 targets and that there is ministerial commitment to 30% highly protected waters by 2030. He noted that there is a new national First Nations Reference group.

#### Member attendance:

Brian Busteed, John Burgess, Roberta Dixon-Valk, Jessica Leck, Kate Davey, Kellie Pendoley, Chris Frid, Brendan Kelaher, Matt Hayes

#### Observers:

Nicole Strehling– Manager, Solitary Islands Marine Park, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW (NSW DPIRD)

#### Presentations

Presentations designed to give members an understanding of the Temperate East Network and current and emerging management priorities included:

##### Australian Marine Park Review

Bianca Priest, Director of the Marine Planning Section gave a presentation on the current review process for the management plans, including the contracting of an independent evaluator, and statutory public consultation of the proposal to prepare new plans and of the draft management plans.

## **Introduction of independent evaluators ORIMA Research**

The independent evaluators from ORIMA Research presented on their planned process which included establishing an agreed evaluation framework, conducting a comprehensive desktop review and facilitating approximately 60 interviews and 9 workshops. They emphasised the inclusion of First Nations perspectives and indicated that members and observers would be contacted as key stakeholders during the evaluation.

## **Member involvement in management planning**

Members emphasised the importance of being actively involved throughout the management plan review process rather than only at the end. Suggestions included regular updates from ORIMA after each step and opportunities for early input.

The group also discussed the possibility of a joint face-to-face meeting with Coral Sea AMPAC and consultants in March or April, while noting the need for flexibility based on progress.

## **Member updates**

Committee members and the NSW DPIRD Observer gave updates on their relevant activities since the last meeting

## **Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting a combined Coral Sea and Temperate East AMPACs meeting planned for March-April 2026 focused on Management Review.

For more information about the Temperate East Network or the Committee, visit:

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/parks/temperate-east/> and  
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/partnerships/temperate-east-advisory-committee/>

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