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Marine Estate Management (Aquatic Reserve) Notification 2025

under the

Marine Estate Management Act 2014

I, Steve Orr, Secretary, with delegated authority, make the following notification under section 57 of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*.

Dated 4 April 2025



Steve Orr
Secretary
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of notification

This notification is the *Marine Estate Management (Aquatic Reserve) Notification 2025*.

2 Commencement

This notification commences at the time a copy of the notification is first published in the Gazette.

3 Duration

This notification has effect for 5 years.

4 Revocation of the Marine Estate Management (Aquatic Reserve) Notification 2020

The *Marine Estate Management (Aquatic Reserve) Notification 2020* published in Gazette No 82 on 17 April 2020 at pages 1368 to 1372 is revoked.

5 Definitions

In this notification:

Aboriginal cultural fishing has the same meaning as in section 4 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

Barrenjoey Head Aquatic Reserve, Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve, Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve, Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve, Cape Banks Aquatic Reserve and Narrabeen Head Aquatic Reserve mean the aquatic reserves declared in the 'Declaration of Aquatic Reserves' published in Gazette No 65 on 22 March 2002 at pages 1731-1732, taken now to be aquatic reserves under the Act.

Bushranger's Bay Aquatic Reserve means the aquatic reserve declared in the 'Notification of Bushranger's Bay Aquatic Reserve' published in Gazette No 65 of 14 May 1982 at page 2104, taken now to be an aquatic reserve under the Act.

Cook Island Aquatic Reserve means the aquatic reserve declared in the 'Notification Under Section 194 Cook Island Aquatic Reserve' published in Gazette No 152 on 23 October 1998 at page 8435, taken now to be an aquatic reserve under the Act.

cunjevoi means sea squirts in the genus *Pyura* (Chordata, Tunicata) whether alive or dead, whole or in part.

finfish means bony fish (Osteichthyes) and cartilaginous fish (Chondrichthyes).

fish means marine, estuarine or freshwater fish or other aquatic animal life at any stage of their life history, whether alive or dead, whole or in part, and includes –

- (a) oysters and other aquatic molluscs, and
- (b) crustaceans, and
- (c) echinoderms, and
- (d) beachworms and other aquatic polychaetes,

but does not include whales, mammals, reptiles, birds or amphibians.

fishing gear has the same meaning as in section 4 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

hand held line means a rod and line or handline.

interfere with in relation to fish includes –

- (a) harass,
- (b) chase,
- (c) tag,
- (d) mark fish, or
- (e) engage in any activity to attract or repel fish including feeding fish or using burley to attract fish.

invertebrate means a fish without a backbone, whether alive or dead, and includes anemones, barnacles, chitons, cockles, crabs, mussels, octopus, oysters, pipis, sea urchins, sea stars, snails and worms.

lawful recreational net means any net that may be used by a recreational fisher under the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019*.

Long Reef Aquatic Reserve means the aquatic reserve declared in the 'Notification of Long Reef Aquatic Reserve' published in Gazette No 80 of 30 May 1980 at page 2787, taken now to be an aquatic reserve under the Act.

marine vegetation means any plant whether alive or dead, whole or in part and that at any time in its life must inhabit water other than fresh water.

North Harbour Aquatic Reserve and **Shiprock Aquatic Reserve** mean the aquatic reserves declared in the 'Notification of North Harbour Aquatic Reserve' and 'Notification of Shiprock Aquatic Reserve' published in Gazette No 46 of 26 March 1982 at page 1336, taken now to be aquatic reserves under the Act.

set line means any line not held in the hand, or not attached to fishing gear held in the hand, which is used or intended to be used for the purpose of taking fish, but does not include a drift line.

spear gun has the same meaning as in clause 52 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019*.

take includes –

- (a) catch or kill, or
 - (b) gather or collect, or
 - (c) remove from any rock or other matter,
- or attempt to do so.

the Act means the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*.

the Regulation means the *Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017*.

Towra Point Aquatic Reserve means the aquatic reserve declared in the ‘Notification of Towra Point Aquatic Reserve’ and published in Gazette No 49 of 12 April 1990 at page 3070, taken now to be an aquatic reserve under the Act.

Part 2 Prohibition on activities

6 Prohibition on activities

- (1) A person is prohibited from carrying out an activity specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 in the aquatic reserves specified opposite in Column 1 of Schedule 1, unless:
 - (a) the relevant Ministers have given consent to the activity, and
 - (b) the activity is for research, aquaculture, aquarium collecting or Aboriginal cultural fishing or for any other purpose that is consistent with the objects of the Act and the purposes of aquatic reserves.
- (2) A person is prohibited from taking part in a recreational fishing competition at Barrenjoey Head Aquatic Reserve, Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve, Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve, Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve, Cape Banks Aquatic Reserve and Narrabeen Head Aquatic Reserve unless the relevant Ministers have given consent for the recreational fishing competition.
- (3) A person is prohibited from taking any fish or marine vegetation for research purposes at Barrenjoey Head Aquatic Reserve, Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve, Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve, Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve, Cape Banks Aquatic Reserve and Narrabeen Head Aquatic Reserve unless the relevant Ministers have given consent for taking the fish or marine vegetation for research purposes.
- (4) A person is prohibited from constructing, using or operating a jetty or slipway at the Shiprock Aquatic Reserve other than a jetty or slipway that was lawfully constructed and existed before 1 September 2002.

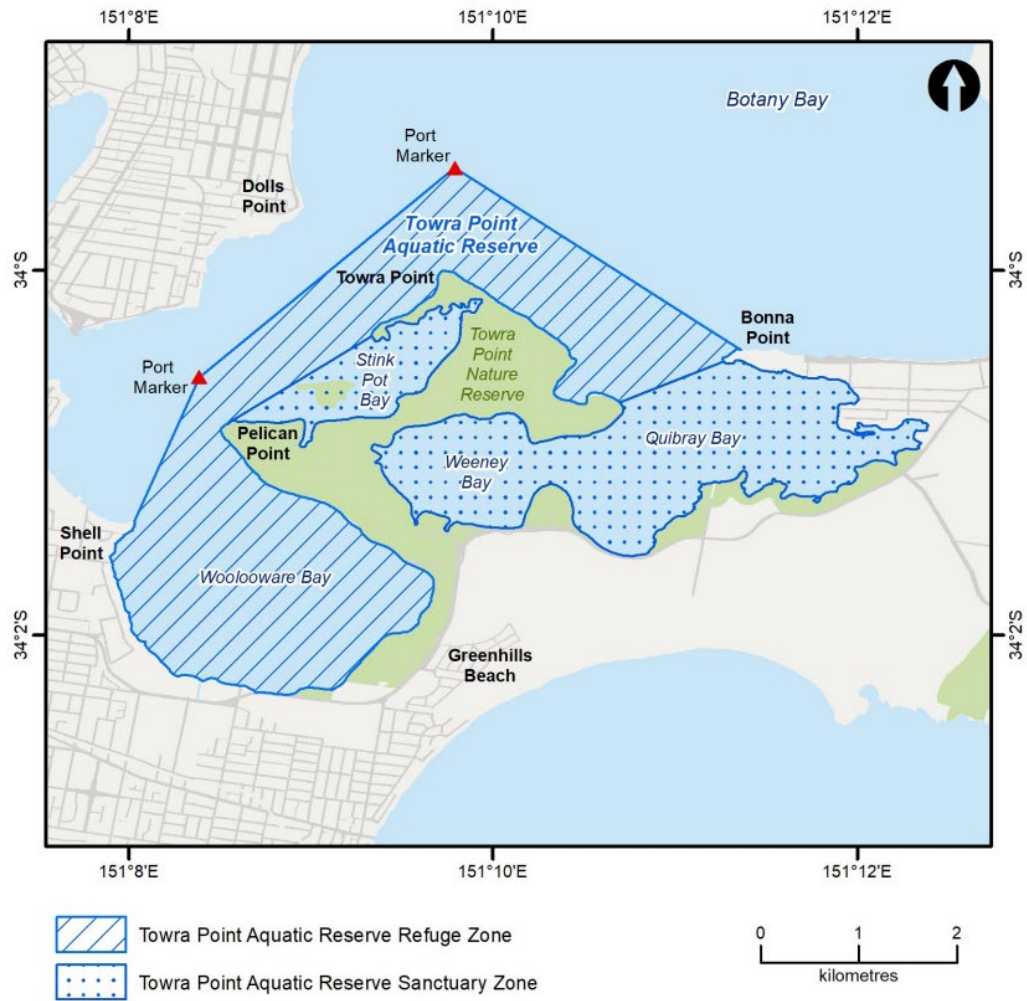
Note –

It is an offence to harm certain marine vegetation under Part 7 and Part 7A of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

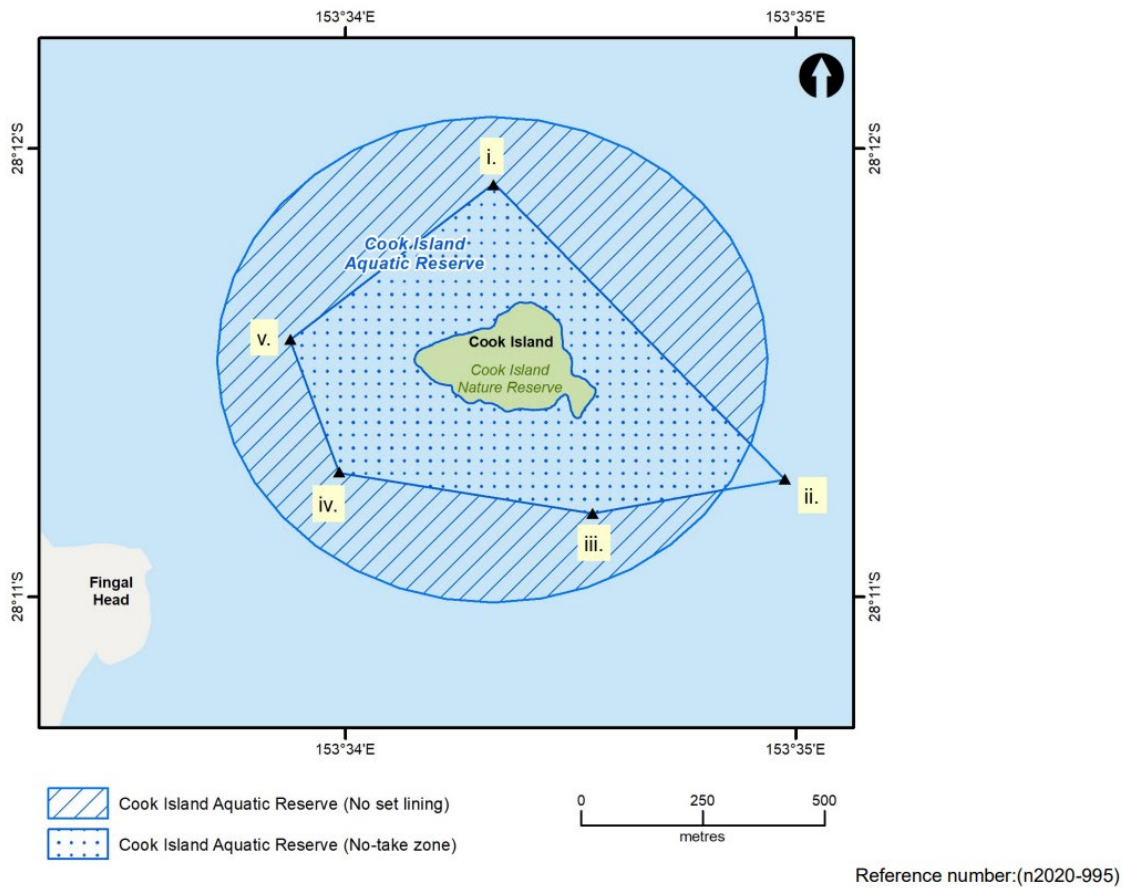
Schedule 1

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Aquatic Reserve</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Prohibited Activities</i>
Barrenjoey Head Boat Harbour Bronte-Coogee Cape Banks Narrabeen Head	(a) Taking cunjevoi and invertebrates except for eastern rock lobster (<i>Sagmariasus verreauxi</i>), southern rock lobster (<i>Jasus edwardsii</i>) and blacklip abalone (<i>Haliotis rubra rubra</i>). (b) Taking, destroying, injuring or interfering with any marine vegetation, except for sea lettuce (<i>Ulva lactuca</i>) and bait weed (<i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i>).
Bushranger's Bay Cabbage Tree Bay Shiprock	Taking, destroying, injuring or interfering with any fish or marine vegetation.
Long Reef	Taking, destroying, injuring or interfering with any fish or marine vegetation, other than taking finfish using a hand held line or spear gun.
North Harbour	Taking, destroying, injuring or interfering with any fish or marine vegetation, other than taking finfish using a hand held line.
Towra Point	Taking, destroying, injuring or interfering with any fish or marine vegetation, other than taking fish using a hand held line or lawful recreational net from that part of Towra Point Aquatic Reserve referred to as the refuge zone shown in Schedule 2.
Cook Island	(a) Taking any fish using a set line. (b) Taking any fish from the waters of Cook Island Aquatic Reserve in the area enclosed by the line connecting the following World Geodetic System (WGS84) coordinates and returning to the point of commencement, as shown in Schedule 3: i. 28°11'32.336"S 153°34'39.872"E ii. 28°11'52.114"S 153°34'59.282"E iii. 28°11'54.419"S 153°34'46.449"E iv. 28°11'51.698"S 153°34'29.560"E v. 28°11'42.806"S 153°34'26.280"E.

Schedule 2



Schedule 3



Pursuant to section 136 of the *Mining Act 1992* and section 16 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*

NOTICE is given that the following applications have been received:

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS

(APP-2025-56)

No. 6891, Legacy Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 622 746 187), area of 174 units, for Group 1, dated 2 April 2025. (Gunnedah Local Government Area).

(APP-2025-55)

No. 6892, Metals Corp Pty Ltd (ACN 665467407), area of 18 units, for Group 1 and Group 2, dated 2 April 2025. (Lachlan Local Government Area).

(APP-2025-58)

No. 6893, Acdc Metals Operations Pty Ltd (ACN 651911787), area of 40 units, for Group 1, Group 2 and Group 5, dated 3 April 2025. (Warrumbungle Local Government Area).

NOTICE is given that the following applications for renewal have been received:

EXPLORATION LICENCES

(REN-2025-72)

Authorisation No. 459, Mach Energy Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 608495441) and J.C.D. Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 002 017 209), area of 344 hectares. Application for renewal received 3 April 2025.

(REN-2025-56)

Exploration Licence No. 8832, Trang Nu Tran, Dong Thi Tran, Hang Thi Nga Pham and Viet Hoang Le, area of 2 units. Application for renewal received 7 April 2025.

(REN-2025-71)

Exploration Licence No. 8966, Triausmin Pty Ltd (ACN 062 002 475), area of 4 units. Application for renewal received 6 April 2025.

RENEWAL OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES

Notice is given that the following authorities have been renewed:

(REN-2025-6)

Exploration Licence No. 8423, Gold And Copper Resources Pty Limited (ACN 124534863), County of Wellington, Map Sheet (8631, 8731), area of 28 units, for a further term until 28 January 2031. Renewal effective on and from 1 April 2025.

(REN-2025-7)

Exploration Licence No. 8827, Paul Thurstan Smith and Yumi Smith, County of Hawes, Map Sheet (9234), area of 10 units, for a further term until 25 February 2028. Renewal effective on and from 3 April 2025.

(REN-2024-291)

Mining Lease No. 1560 (Act 1992), Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd (ACN 000023656) and Anotero Pty Limited (ACN 618 503 674), Parish of Ravensworth, County of Durham, Map Sheet (9033-11-S), area of 317.7 hectares, for a further term until 28 January 2046. Renewal effective on and from 28 January 2026.

APPLICATIONS TO TRANSFER RECEIVED

Notice is given that the following applications to transfer have been received:

(TRF-2025-13)

PTR RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 153 851 702) has applied for approval to transfer Exploration Licence No. 8574 to Galaxias Metals Pty Ltd (ACN 685199393). Application received 8 April 2025.

(TRF-2025-14)

PTR RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 153 851 702) has applied for approval to transfer Exploration Licence No. 8692 to Galaxias Metals Pty Ltd (ACN 685199393). Application received 8 April 2025.

(TRF-2025-15)

PTR RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 153 851 702) has applied for approval to transfer Exploration Licence No. 8800 to Galaxias Metals Pty Ltd (ACN 685199393). Application received 8 April 2025.

REQUESTED CANCELLATIONS

(CAN-2025-23)

Exploration Licence No. 8774 (Act 1992), NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 006306690), County of Forbes and County of Gipps, Map Sheet (8430, 8431), area of 167 units. Request for cancellation was received on 3 April 2025.

CANCELLATIONS

Notice is given that the following authorities have been cancelled:

(CAN-2025-22)

Exploration Licence No. 8675, BOWYANG RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 672064827), County of Yancowinna, Map Sheet (7234), area of 27 units. Cancellation took effect on 10 March 2025.

(CAN-2025-22)

Exploration Licence No. 8892, BOWYANG RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 672064827), County of Yancowinna, Map Sheet (7234), area of 11 units. Cancellation took effect on 10 March 2025.

(CAN-2025-22)

Exploration Licence No. 9113, BOWYANG RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 672064827), County of Mootwingee and County of Yancowinna, Map Sheet (7234), area of 17 units. Cancellation took effect on 10 March 2025.