

# TARFish

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## **Bruny Bioregion MPAs**

The Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing Inc (TARFish), the fully independent, government recognised, peak body representing the interests of recreational fishers in Tasmania congratulates the Tasmanian Government on the balanced outcomes that have been announced in relation to the Bruny Bioregion Marine Protected Areas.

TARFish have been involved in the Bruny Bioregion process since commencement and have provided significant comment and feedback throughout the duration of the process. TARFish has sought a broad range of views, comment and advice on the issue of Marine Protected Areas from a range of sources and perspectives including the research area, commercial and recreational fishing interests.

TARFish agrees with the Government that management of fish stocks are very well administered under the Living Marine Resources Management Act and that the nominated marine protected areas will be appropriately managed to ensure their long term protection and maintenance of biodiversity. TARFish, are very pleased that Minister David Llewellyn and the Government took into consideration the significant social, economic and environmental community needs of all Tasmanians.

The Chief Executive Officer of TARFish, Mark Nikolai, said that the three main aims of Tasmania's 120,000 recreational fishers had been achieved through the Bruny Bioregion MPA process. Recreational fishers were looking for;

1. Sustainable fisheries so that future generations can enjoy the pleasures of the outdoor and recreational fishing and boating,
2. Decision making for the management of our fisheries and environment to be based on relevant scientifically valid information, and
3. Inclusion in the management of fisheries through active consultation.

Mark said that the concerns expressed by recreational fishers had been heard by the Tasmanian Government and that a fair and equitable range of decisions had been reached that effectively balances the needs of the broad range of community stakeholders.

TARFish looks forward to working with the Tasmanian Government and stakeholders in establishing the remaining network of Marine Protected Areas in Tasmanian waters.

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