1. The current Moreton Bay Marine Park zoning plan, which has been reviewed prior to expiry, protects 0.5 percent of the marine park in marine national parks or no take “green zones”.
2. A consultation draft zoning plan was released in December 2007, proposing protection of 15% of Moreton Bay in marine national park “green zones”. The EPA held six public information sessions in communities adjacent to the marine park to explain, publicise and answer questions about the draft plan. Individual stakeholder workshops were also conducted to explain the proposed changes.
3. The final plan will affect the commercial fishing industry operating in the marine park. This impact will be accommodated through a $15.1 million structural adjustment program. The impact on recreational fishing will be offset through a $1 million artificial reef program.
4. The final plan provides protection of 16% of the marine park in green zones.
5. Cabinet approved that the Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan 2008 be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
6. Cabinet noted that the Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan 2008 will be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after publication in the Government Gazette.
7. Cabinet approved that the zoning plan commence on 1 March 2009 to provide sufficient time to:
* administer the structural adjustment program for eligible commercial fishers; and
* for replacement of signs, installation of buoys and moorings and the implementation of a three month media and public education campaign to assist compliance and enforcement of the new zoning arrangements.
1. Cabinet noted the progress of the implementation of the trial artificial reef program and the commencement of the five-year monitoring program in the marine park.
2. *Attachments*
* [Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan 2008](attachments/Marine%20Parks%20Moreton%20Bay%20Zoning%20Plan.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Marine%20Parks%20Moreton%20Bay%20Zoning%20Plan%20EXPNOTES.pdf)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement](attachments/RIS%20Marine%20Parks%20Moreton%20Bay%20Zoning%20Plan.pdf)
* [Public Benefit Test](attachments/Public%20Benefit%20Test.pdf)