



**Submission on the
PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MACQUARIE ISLAND MARINE PARK - PUBLIC CONSULTATION
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The Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation writes in support of the Australian Government's proposal to expand the Macquarie Island Marine Park to encompass the entire Macquarie Island EEZ.

Our vision for Macquarie Island is that the natural and heritage values remain protected from threats and conserved for current and future generations. The Foundation therefore welcomes any actions that will result in increased protections for the outstanding natural and heritage values of the island.

The DCCEEW proposal to expand the Macquarie Island Marine Park aligns with the Foundation's vision and we applaud the proposal's intent; in particular the stated aims of ensuring all marine areas of the Macquarie Island World Heritage Area are under marine park protection and to expand protection of important areas for threatened and migratory species.

In conjunction with the expansion to the Marine Park, the Foundation strongly encourages a commitment to robust monitoring and research programs that will help ensure ongoing compliance of activities within the new reserved area, and to help demonstrate the value and effectiveness of the expanded protections for Macquarie Island wildlife.

Sincerely,

*Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation
Management Committee*