



## MAYORAL REPORT

13 October 2009

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MARINE PARKS

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### SUMMARY:

Reporting on further advice concerning Marine Parks off the coast of New South Wales.

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### DESCRIPTION:

Representations were made to the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment and Minister for Commerce, in respect to the report of the National Parks Association (NPA) which referred to additional marine parks.

Advice was received in May 2008 that the NSW Government had not accepted the recommendations of the NPA report which had been referred to the Marine Parks Authority for analysis and advice.

Further advice from Mr Michael Wright, Director Protected Areas, indicates that the Government is considering the advice of the Marine Parks Authority [Appendix A – Page MM7](#)

### RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental**

N/A

- **Social**

*The public meeting at South West Rocks in January reflected concerns with the possibility of additional marine park areas being established.*

- **Economic (Financial)**

*It has been suggested that the establishment of marine parks can impact on the economy of adjoining areas.*

- **Policy or Statutory**

N/A

### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the new Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, The Hon John Robertson MLC, be requested to advise the outcomes of the Government's consideration of the Torn Blue Fringe report.**

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**J H Howell**  
**MAYOR**