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CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT ACT 1984 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MONTEBELLO/BARROW ISLANDS MARINE CONSERVATION RESERVES

Under section 14(9) of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) notice is given that an indicative management plan, prepared in accordance with sections 13 and 14 of the CALM Act for the Montebello/Barrow Island Marine Conservation Reserves, comprising the Montebello Islands Marine Park, Barrow Island Marine Park and Barrow Island Marine Management Area reserved on 10 December 2004, was approved with modifications by the Minister for the Environment on 6 December 2006.

The approved indicative management plan, namely the *Management Plan for the Montebello/Barrow Islands Marine Conservation Reserves 2007-2017*, will come into operation on the day of publication of this notice in the Gazette.

Notice is given under sections 14(7) and 60(2) of the CALM Act of the following modifications approved by the Minister for the Environment—

- The addition of the Northern Montebellos Special Purpose (Benthic Protection) Zone to the Montebello Islands Marine Park.
- Modifications to the boundaries of the following zones in the Montebello Islands Marine Park—
 - > Southern Montebellos Sanctuary Zone; and
 - > Northern Montebellos Sanctuary Zone.
- Modification to the boundary of the Barrow Island Sanctuary Zone in the Barrow Island Marine Park.
- Removal of the General Use Zone from the Barrow Island Marine Park.
- Removal of the Barrow Shoals Conservation Area (Flora/Fauna Protection) from the Barrow Island Marine Management Area.
- Amendments to Table 2 (activities permitted in specific zones).
- Removal of Appendix I.
- Amendments to general text, objectives, management strategies and targets for the ecological and social values and other sections of the draft plan.
- Other minor changes were made to the text of the indicative plan that will not significantly affect management of the marine park (i.e. formatting and minor text amendments).

Copies of the *Management Plan for the Montebello/Barrow Islands Marine Conservation Reserves 2007-2017* can be inspected at offices and libraries of the Shires of Roebourne and Ashburton. Copies of the Plan and an analysis of public submissions can also be inspected at the following Department of Environment and Conservation offices—

- State Operational Headquarters, 17 Dick Perry Avenue, Technology Park, Western Precinct, Kensington WA 6151
- Marine Policy and Planning Branch, 47 Henry St, Fremantle WA 6160
- Pilbara Regional Office, Mardie Rd, Karratha Industrial Estate, Karratha WA 6714
- Exmouth District Office, 20 Nimitz St, Exmouth WA 6707

The *Management Plan for the Montebello/Barrow Islands Marine Conservation Reserves 2007-2017* and an analysis of public submissions can also be viewed on the Department of Environment and Conservation's Naturebase website at <http://www.naturebase.net>.

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