

SIGN THE PETITION TO PROTECT JERVIS BAY AND KEEP CRUISE SHIPS OUT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Why a petition/What good is a petition?

This petition aims for **10,000 names** and will be presented to the whole NSW Parliament with a request to the Minister for Agriculture (now Mr Dugald Saunders) to:

- ❖ **Rule Out**, in the Management Plan, allowing cruise ships into Jervis Bay
- ❖ **Increase sanctuary zones** to 30% of the Jervis Bay Marine Park
- ❖ **Invest in** communication and compliance to improve community knowledge of Marine Park Regulation
- ❖ **Invest in** research and monitoring of key Threats
- ❖ **A petition is an avenue for the community** to reach the politicians in Sydney and Regional areas to show Changes to the Draft Marine Park must be primarily based on research and science.

What Justification is there for a campaign?

- ❖ The Draft NSW Mainland Marine Park Network Management Plan 2021-2031 is currently on Public Exhibition, this is the time to act.
- ❖ The Management Plan refers to **allowing Cruise Ships into Jervis Bay Marine Park** despite their being **no available research** into the impacts of cruise ships on the environment.
- ❖ Documents, released under FOI Laws show that **significant dredging** would be required to allow cruise ships into Jervis Bay, impacting oyster, reef habitat, deep water algae and sponge gardens.
- ❖ Possible reduction of Sanctuary Zones, experts acknowledge that marine parks should have AT LEAST 30% (no-take) zones.
- ❖ The Draft Plan has a high emphasis on **economics** and fails to provide evidence or research of the impacts on environment and or ecosystems.
- ❖ There is no evident commitment on the level of funding to support the plan or specific actions for the Marine Parks.
- ❖ There has been limited Community Consultation on the implementation plans.
- ❖ The plan completely misses the impact of increased population, including tourism on water quality, marine creatures and marine debris.
- ❖ It is a **political decision** to update the NSW Mainland Marine Park Network Management Plan 2021-2031 with no evidence of good process, transparency, and accountability when it comes to decisions relating to Marine Parks, and despite aspiring to 'evidence based decision making' the plan fails to provide evidence to support its direction.