



The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier of NSW

Dear Premier,

HAWKESBURY SHELF MARINE BIOREGION

As President of the Mosman Parks and Bushland Association I am writing to beseech you to establish the proposed Marine Park as soon as possible and with as few compromises as possible.

The Mosman Parks and Bushland Association was formed in 1964 to protect threatened bushland in Mosman. Its objectives have continued to be the protection of parks, bushland, and the natural environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

Firstly, our association is fully supportive of the proposals contained in the discussion paper for our area, ie a Special Purpose Zone for Sydney Harbour and a Sanctuary Zone for Chowder Bay. The protection of the marine environment and its wildlife is vitally important for future generations.

However, we are alarmed by the media reports (18 September) that Minister Blair is now proposing to back-slide on restrictions on recreational fishing in these zones. The draft Marine Park proposal already contains concessions to recreational fishing. For example, in Mosman's locally affected Chowder Bay, the Marine Park proposals continue to allow fishing from the wharf.

Premier, the time has come for your government to establish a positive reputation as a protector of the environment – its record to date has been very poor, and I refer specifically to rural land clearing facilitated by this government.

You have an opportunity now to show leadership for future generations and to enhance your re-election next March by seeking some compromise between these competing interests.

Please use your negotiating skills to implement the Marine Park, if necessary with some limited amount of recreational fishing in locations that will not damage the objectives of the park.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Eccles".

Kate Eccles

President

19th September 2018