

FYI

Some recent letter to the Editor Sunday Mail re Marine Parks issue

Parks will hurt economy, lifestyles

I REFER to the comments by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Allan Holmes, on marine parks (Letters, January 23).

I do not agree that marine parks will be good for people's lifestyles and livelihoods, quite the contrary, and as the current proposal stands, no-take zones – and there are in excess of 140 of them across state – will severely affect the economy and anglers' lifestyles forever.

Real estate will likely crash in coastal tourism areas, boat builders will suffer, accommodation and tackle shops and related businesses will also suffer badly. And why?

Anglers do not, in a general sense, harm the environment.

The social and economic dynamics of angling – the largest participation recreation in the world – will crash in South Australia if the scope and number of no-take zones are allowed to continue. The Government has severely misjudged the public reaction. The number of no-take zones must be at least halved before the angling community will be willing to begin negotiations.

TREVOR WATTS

Executive Officer
South Australian Recreational
Fishing Advisory Council Inc.

Compensation for loss

IN response to Allan Holmes's letter regarding sanctuary zones within marine parks, the question remains: Will recreational and commercial fishers displaced by these politically driven non-scientific "green zones" be compensated for their loss? Many people across the state have



Ripples of anger: Proposed "no-take" changes could have a detrimental impact on recreational fishing

shacks/holiday homes purchased for the sole purpose of recreational angling, not to mention boats and four-wheel-drives, all of which may become unviable if these zones are implemented.

Will the Government reimburse the young family who can no longer take their children fishing in front of the family shack? I doubt it.

If you think this scenario is a bit extreme, look at the sanctuary zone maps and tell me I'm wrong (www.marineparks.sa.gov.au).

ANDREW HART
Sheidow Park

Killing pleasure

THE rather furtive moves by
Department of Environment and

Natural Resource to introduce new "no-take" fishing zones in SA waters threaten the enjoyment and, in some cases, the livelihood of many South Australians.

According to maps on the department's website, many of the proposed areas which could be off-limits are smack-bang next to popular tourist spots.

To ban recreational boaters from fishing in those waters will kill the holiday pleasure for a great many people.

If the Government is so concerned about fishing stocks, maybe it should look at those pulling in the big hauls: professional fishing boat operators.

T. COLLINS
Moonta Bay