

# Halt the Assault on your fishing rights

The boundaries of the NSW Labor Government's Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, which locks up 97,000 hectares of the region's waterways, are too large.

The Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park stands to hurt local residents as recreational fishing clubs and tourist operators depend on access to the region's waterways. Local clubs and businesses may be forced to the wall if important fishing grounds are removed.

Furthermore if commercial fishers are forced into smaller fishing grounds, further pressure will be placed on the environmental sustainability and economic viability of the industry.

The NSW Liberal/Nationals Coalition is opposed to the boundaries of the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. We will continue to work with you to defeat the Labor Government and their Marine Park.

The Coalition respects that fishers want to maintain ecologically sustainable habitats, with policies backed up by real science, not Green lobby scare mongering.

#### In Government a Liberal/Nationals Coalition will:

- Halt the Marine Park creation process
- Review the plans for the Marine Park
- Amend the Act for proper community consultation
- Change the current boundaries
- Engage in real scientific studies to assess areas for conservation

#### What you can do:

1. Make a submission before September 23 2006 to the Marine Parks Authority (submissions can be made electronically on the MPA website or by mail to The Planning Officer, Locked Bag 800, Nelson Bay NSW 2315).
2. Write to your local Member of Parliament and voice your opposition to the Marine Park.
3. Cast Labor out at the next State election.

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fishing rights



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# Better cast Labor out!