DECISION ON THE AMNESTY
An amnesty to allow shore-based recreational line fishing from ocean beaches and headlands in marine park sanctuary zones was put in place in 2013 while an assessment of the impact of these activities was undertaken.

Within the Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park, the NSW Government is proposing (subject to public consultation) to rezone two sites from sanctuary to habitat protection zones to permanently allow shore-based recreational line fishing at these sites.

The amnesty has been lifted from the four sanctuary zone sites and they will return to enforced marine park sanctuary zone rules which prohibit fishing.

PROPOSED REZONING
Sites to be rezoned to habitat protection zones where the amnesty remains in the interim and shore-based recreational line fishing will continue into the future:

» Celito South (Inset B),
» Fiona Beach (Inset C).

Sites to be returned to sanctuary zone rules where fishing is not allowed:

» Cape Hawke (Inset A),
» Yacaaba Head (Inset D),
» Zenith Beach (Inset D),
» Fingal Island (Inset D).

All forms of fishing are prohibited in sanctuary zones and significant penalties apply including on-the-spot fines of up to $500.

WHY IS FISHING NOT ALLOWED IN SOME SITES?
These areas will return to a more undisturbed state for activities such as snorkelling and diving, as well as being used as scientific reference sites and for educational purposes.

In some areas this will also reduce the risk of harm or injury to threatened fish or seabirds.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN 2015
The proposed rezoning of sanctuary zones to habitat protection zones will go on public exhibition in 2015.

For more information visit www.marine.nsw.gov.au
Where can you fish in Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park?

PROPOSED CHANGES
- shore based line fishing would be allowed
  (proposed rezoning from sanctuary to habitat protection zone)

AMNESTY REMOVED
- fishing not allowed [sanctuary zone]

NO CHANGE
- general use zone
- habitat protection zone
- habitat protection zone [restrictions apply]*
- habitat protection zone [restrictions apply]*
- habitat protection zone [restrictions apply]*
- sanctuary zone [fishing not allowed]
- special purpose zone

*see User Guide for further information

25 kilometres