

EX-HMAS ADELAIDE

The Ex-HMAS Adelaide is a former Australian naval warship that was sunk to create an artificial dive reef off Avoca Beach on the Central Coast. It sits in approximately 30 metres of water.

CURRENT MANAGEMENT

The nine hectare site around the wreck is currently managed by way of a Crown Reserve under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Fishing activities are prohibited under several fisheries management regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

SITE OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives for the proposed Ex-HMAS Adelaide site are to:

- promote marine ecotourism in the bioregion
- establish and maintain public infrastructure to support access and use of the bioregion, for example moorings, boat ramps
- reduce conflicts between users of the marine estate
- provide enhanced recreational experiences for particular user groups
- reduce regulatory complexity in the bioregion to improve self-compliance.

The secondary objectives that apply to this site are listed in Table 5.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES

The wreck is valued by local diving groups and provides a tourist attraction for the region, which benefits the local economy.

PROPOSED MANAGEMENT RULES

It is proposed to transfer management of this area from a Fishing Closure to a Sanctuary Zone to reduce legislation volume and complexity in the bioregion. No changes to management rules or closure boundaries are proposed.

PRIORITY THREATS TARGETED TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AT THIS SITE

The threats that will be addressed at this site and expected benefits to be enhanced are listed in Table 15.

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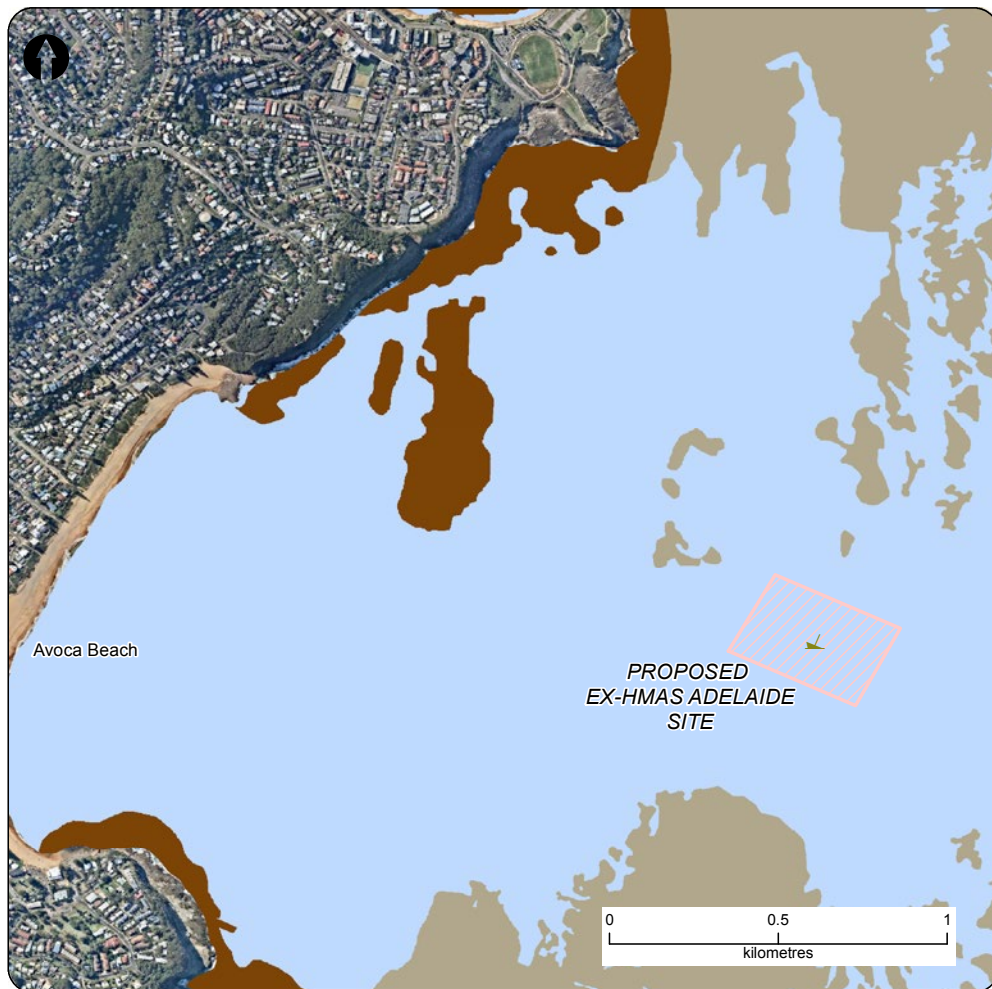
It is proposed to introduce a sanctuary zone (Figure 6) and repeal the existing fishing regulations to reduce the volume and complexity of regulations in the bioregion.

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This site was not identified for further protection during community engagement.

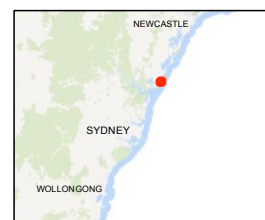
Table 15. Threats and expected benefits

	Environmental	Social, cultural, economic				
Threats		 Lack of access infrastructure	 Conflict	 Regulation		
Benefits		 Participation (wellbeing)	 Participation (socialising)	 Enjoyment (biodiversity & beauty)	 Viability of business	 Individual enjoyment



Proposal












- Reef 0-20
- Reef 20+
- Sanctuary Zone



NOTE: No changes are proposed to the current management rules at this site

Figure 6. Proposed Ex-HMAS Adelaide site

Table 16. Current activities and suggested permissible activities in the proposed Ex-HMAS Adelaide site

Ex-HMAS Adelaide	 Boating	 Anchoring	 Line fishing	 Spear fishing	 Lobster fishing	 Abalone fishing	 Scuba diving /snorkelling	 Hand gathering	 Collecting marine vegetation	 Commercial fishing	 Aboriginal cultural heritage & use
Current fishing closure	× ¹	× ²	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×	✓
Proposed sanctuary zone	× ¹	× ²	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×	✓

1 A no boating zone applies in the area marked by buoys

2 Access to the dive site is by moorings managed by a permit system. Fees apply