



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

*Consumer Action in Boating*

## **BOA Alert**

Good afternoon Member,

Do you like to visit Quarantine? Store Beach? Collins Beach? Chowder Bay?  
Camp Cove? Cabbage Tree Bay?

**IF YOU LIKE TO DROP ANCHOR IN THESE QUIET POCKETS WHILE THE KIDS HAVE A SWIM, YOU MAY NEED TO THINK AGAIN!!!**

The State Government's Draft Marine Park Plan includes anchoring bans wherever there is seagrass. In reality, this will also mean "where there might be seagrass". There is no scientific case to say that casual anchoring harms the viability of Posidonia seagrass meadows, let alone common seagrass meadows, yet the MEMA plan is set to impose anchoring bans anywhere near any species of seagrass.

Dropping anchor in these quiet shelters is a cultural practice enjoyed in Sydney Harbour for 200 years.

We must protect this cultural practice. The coverage of seagrass in Sydney harbour has been stable for the past 30 years (West & Williams 2008). There is no case to be introducing these bans. The socioeconomic cost (and cultural cost) of the anchoring bans is too high.

Here is the link to all of the sanctuary (lock out) areas –

<https://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/key-initiatives/hawkesbury-shelf-marine-assessment>

We strongly encourage you to write to Minister Niall Blair and express your opposition to these proposals -

we need to show him what these places mean to Sydney boating families.

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**The Minister's email is** - [niall.blair@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:niall.blair@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Please contact the Minister TODAY and express your strident opposition to these proposed amendments.

Regards

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President

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