

Addendum – February 2025

After the Head of the Division prepared the Consultation Report, it was noted it incorrectly states the number of submissions provided to the review.

The purpose of this addendum to the Head of Division Consultation Report on the proposal to expand Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve is to clarify the number of submissions received during the public consultation period.

The Consultation Report states that **19,926** submissions were received. This addendum to the Consultation Report clarifies the number of submissions received during the public consultation period was **28,592**.

Table 1: Summary of submissions

Category of support	Total	Comments
Support expansion with no changes to the proposed design	7	7 unique submissions supported the reserve expansion outlined in the consultation proposal.
Support expansion with changes to the proposed design	28,580	<p>66 unique submissions supported expanding the reserve while calling for additional changes to boundaries and zoning.</p> <p>Of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">21 submissions did not support commercial fishing in the marine reserve.1 submission proposed adjustments to the design to provide greater opportunity for fishing. <p>There were five similar campaign text submissions generated through NGO websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Save Our Marine Life: 12,872 submissionsInternational Fund for Animal Welfare: 726 submissionsAustralian Marine Conservation Society: 3,380World Wildlife Fund: 11,492Bob Brown Foundation: 44 submissions (all submissions did not support commercial fishing in the marine reserve) <p>Of the campaign submissions, 726 contained additional comments.</p>
Do not support the design with no suggested changes to the design	2	2 submissions stated that they were 'against' or 'strongly against' the proposed design without providing other comments.
Unclear/neutral	2	2 submissions were unclear on whether they supported the consultation proposal.
Not relevant	1	1 submission was not relevant to the proclamation proposal.
<i>Total unique submissions</i>	<i>78</i>	
<i>Total campaign submissions</i>	<i>28,514</i>	
TOTAL SUBMISSIONS	28,592	