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Adam,

Further to the letter issued by John Diplock with regards to the proposal by Waverley Council to impose a spearfishing closure in Bondi Bay we reply as follows.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW would not support any closure to spearfishing in the Bondi Bay area and believes that if the current spearfishing rules and restrictions are correctly adhered to by all spearfishers, then the public should be safe and not concerned. The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW sees no reason to increase “No Go Spearfishing Zones”, and believes that there has been no increased risk to any user group or the public to warrant more restrictions.

In Fact, The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW believes this proposal to be outrageous and another tactic to shut out spearfishing and other forms of fishing from our east coast shorelines. Therefore we call on Waverly Council to provide;

1. Documents and background information that has instigated this proposal,
2. Any evidence or factual reports or data that supports the proposal,
3. And engage the public and recreational fishers in a public consultation process via a proposal paper and publishing the final results.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW anticipates a formal response to this matter, indicating the DPI's position regarding the proposal and if the DPI's position is supportive of this proposal, any background facts and material that lead to the DPI's position.

Regards,

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