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## VRFish Welcomes Marine Park Rejection

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VRFish, The Peak Recreational Fishing Body representing all recreational fishers in Victoria, welcomes the State Government's rejection of a plan by the Victorian National Parks Association to lock recreational fishers out of Victorian coastal waters and the subsequent government rule out of creating more marine parks.

"Recreational Fishers, Boaters and the Victorian coastal community in general will be satisfied with this genuine response from the Brumby Government" said VRFish Chair, Geoff Cramer.

"VRFish is working tirelessly on behalf of the Victorian recreational fishing community to continually improve our recreation and sport. VRFish will continue to lead and advocate on any threat to both recreational fishing and the marine environment".

"The support we have received to help us combat this new marine park proposal showed us that we were not alone in our opposition, and that there are many ordinary Victorians who believe that the locking out of recreational fishing from areas is not the best way to protect our fantastic marine environment" Geoff said.

"VRFish would like to acknowledge the Brumby Labor Government's prompt response to this issue and on behalf of Victoria's recreational fishers we would like to make special mention of the many people involved in this campaign who contributed through hard work for, and support of, the Victorian recreational fishing community".

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