1 Labor Govt of 2007-2011 establishes 30 marine sanctuaries

NSW LABOR GOVERNMENT

2 Coalition wins NSW elections

3 Coalition appoints a panel to prepare a Scientific Audit (on the basis that their "electorates feared the collapse of tourism and commercial fishing industries")

4 Scientific panel reviews Marine Parks

NSW COALITION GOVERNMENT

5 Panel says: Keep the sanctuaries, in fact, we need more protection and create a Scientific Committee to oversee strategic research

Recommends: More protection; & scientific oversight

6 But what actually happens next?

7 Marine Estate Management Authority is established (Bureaucrats)

8 Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel (MEEKP) is established

9 MEEKP is chaired by an Economist, and has experts in economic, social and ecological sciences

MEMA

10 MEMA issue the Amendment Regulation, the explicit objective of which is, to allow fishing in the Marine Sanctuaries

11 MEEKP publish the Risk Assessment that states: "Fishing may be a Low Risk Activity..." (they don't actually know – no impact assessment on fish stocks was made)

AMMENDMENT REGULATION

THREAT & RISK ASSESSMENT

12 Coalition achieves its objective: keep its electorate happy

"LET THEM FISH!"