

Concerns raised as management plan is released

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NYAMBA Buru Yawuru chairman Patrick Dodson has denied Yawuru people propose to restrict recreational fishing in Broome or that cars on Cable Beach are a concern raised only by traditional owners.

Last week, Broome Shire president Graeme Campbell and fishing interests raised concerns following the release of the Yawuru cultural management plan – a document stemming from the Rubibi native title determination over Broome.

Joint management plans are being developed with Yawuru for proposed coastal and marine parks; a coastal park including town reserves and the Cable Beach intertidal zone and a marine park covering much of Roebuck Bay.

Under the agreement, some lands will be jointly managed with the Broome Shire and State Government individually and others in a tripartite arrangement.

Shire president Graeme Campbell warned last week any proposals to restrict beach access or reserve exclusive fishing areas for Yawuru people could spark racial divisions in the tourist town.

However, Mr Dodson said the Yawuru had proposed only three small, discrete areas containing ceremonial law

grounds for Yawuru protection. "These areas are not currently used by the general public and Yawuru expect the public will respect our wish to protect these places," he said.

Mr Dodson agreed Yawuru people were concerned about cars on the beach, but they wanted to manage it in a way supported by the Shire and broader community.

"The suggestion that vehicle access on the beach is an exclusive Yawuru concern is wrong," he said.

The cultural plan has been described as a guiding document setting out traditional owners' vision based on their cultural knowledge and traditional practice to inform the long-term protection, sustainability and management of their conservation estate.

The intention was to balance cultural, environmental and community interests in coastal lands and the proposed marine park covering Roebuck Bay, in-town reserves and Cable Beach intertidal zone, a Yawuru spokesman said.

Mr Campbell said banning cars on Cable Beach had been debated in Broome for many years and there would be "considerable angst among a lot of people" if that occurred.

He said a governance model for the lands was still be worked out and any final plans would go out for public comment.



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Efforts to legalise same-sex marriage have begun in the ACT and South Australia, with a vote expected on a bill before Federal Parliament by the end of the year.

Last week, Tasmania's lower house was the nation's first to pass a bill to legalise same-sex marriage, with the upper house to consider it later this month.

Mr McHardy said it all gave him goose bumps.

"There are so many thousands of people waiting to get married just like us," he said.

"(But this is) just the same as any other marriage ... we're not here today to get the certificate, we're here to do it in front of everybody, all our family and friends."

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