



Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

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PART 3

MARINE PLANNING

CHAPTER 2

MARINE PLANS

54 Duty to keep relevant matters under review

- (1) A marine plan authority must keep under review the matters which may be expected to affect the exercise of its functions relating to—
- the identification of areas which are to be marine plan areas, and
 - the preparation, adoption, review, amendment or withdrawal of marine plans for those areas.

The reference in paragraph (b) to review is a reference to the functions of the marine plan authority under section 61.

- (2) The matters include—
- the physical, environmental, social, cultural and economic characteristics of the authority's region and of the living resources which the region supports;
 - the purposes for which any part of the region is used;
 - the communications, energy and transport systems of the region;
 - any other considerations which may be expected to affect those matters.
- (3) The matters also include—
- any changes which could reasonably be expected to occur in relation to any such matter;
 - the effect that any such changes may have in relation to the sustainable development of the region, its natural resources, or the living resources dependent on the region.

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- (4) The reference in subsection (2)(a) to the cultural characteristics of the authority's region includes a reference to characteristics of that region which are of a historic or archaeological nature.

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- s. 72A(6)(a) words inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 232\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
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