

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART III**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

- 1. Name of Working Group:** Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Australia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

DR49alt - proposed amendments in green; black text and red text is from the Facilitator's fourth revised draft text circulated prior to the November 2023 Council meeting.

- 4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

Regulation 49 alt

1. A Contractor shall take all ~~the~~ necessary ~~and appropriate~~ measures to protect and preserve the Marine Environment and coastlines ~~from harmful effects~~ by preventing, reducing and controlling pollution and other hazards, including marine litter and underwater noise, from its activities in the Area. This is to be done in accordance with its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and all relevant Rules of the Authority, the relevant applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, taking account of the applicable Guidelines.

2 Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

Australia supports progressing negotiations on the basis of DR49 alt. The textual changes suggested correspond to the language of the Convention.