

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

DR60(1bis) - 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.**

1bis. The Secretary-General shall make the final Closure Plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) available on the Authority's website **for a period of at least ~~60~~ [90] days** and invite members of the Authority and Stakeholders to submit comments in writing. **Once the Final Closure Plan has been finalized in accordance with this regulation, it shall remain available on the Authority's website.**

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

Australia is supportive the timeframe of 90 days for consultation on the proposal final Closure Plan. In addition, Australia considers that the Closure Plans should subsequently remain permanently available on the Authority's website, once they have been assessed and finalized in accordance with the Regulations. This will ensure transparency not only in the design of the Closure Plan, but also its review and implementation.