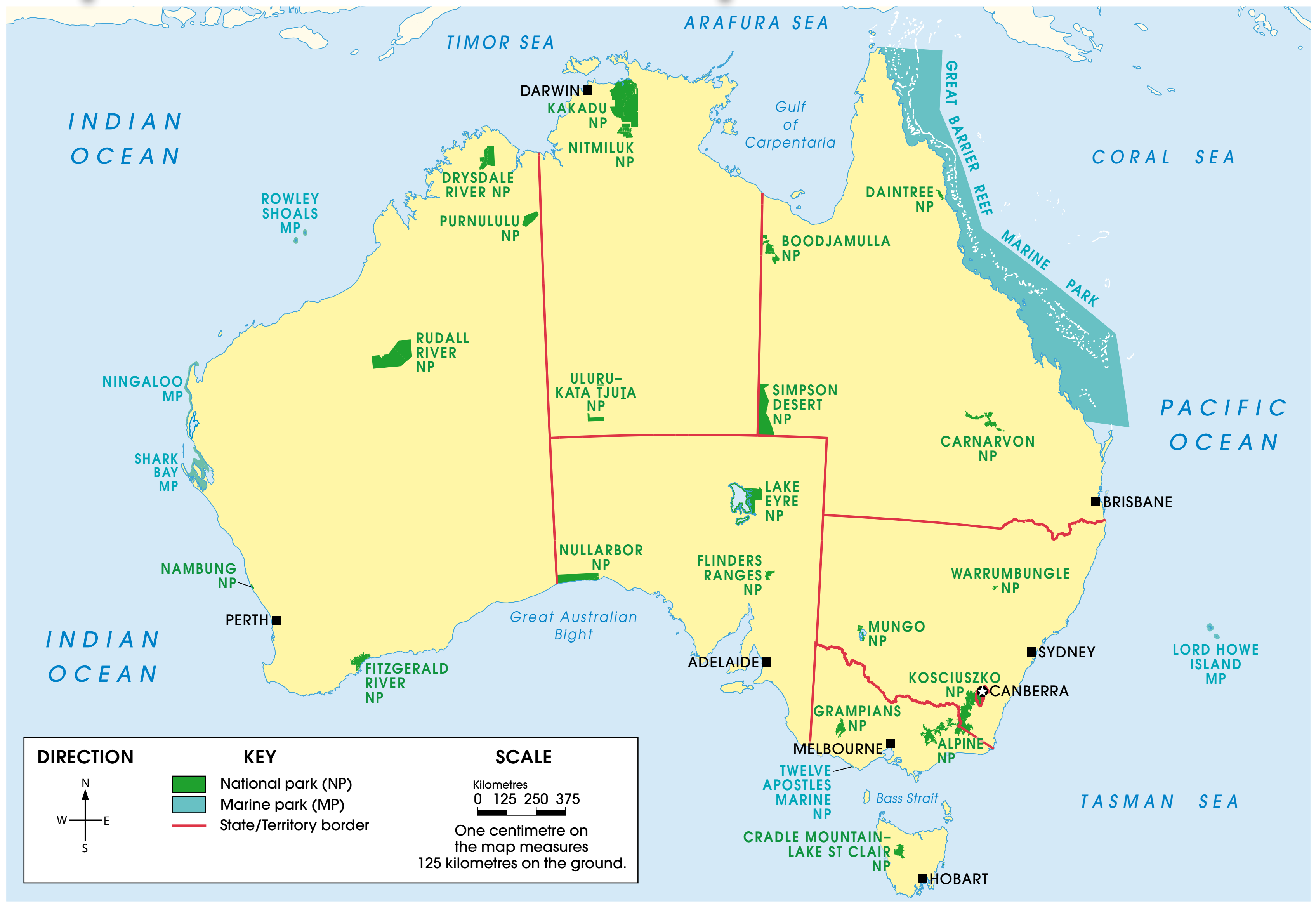
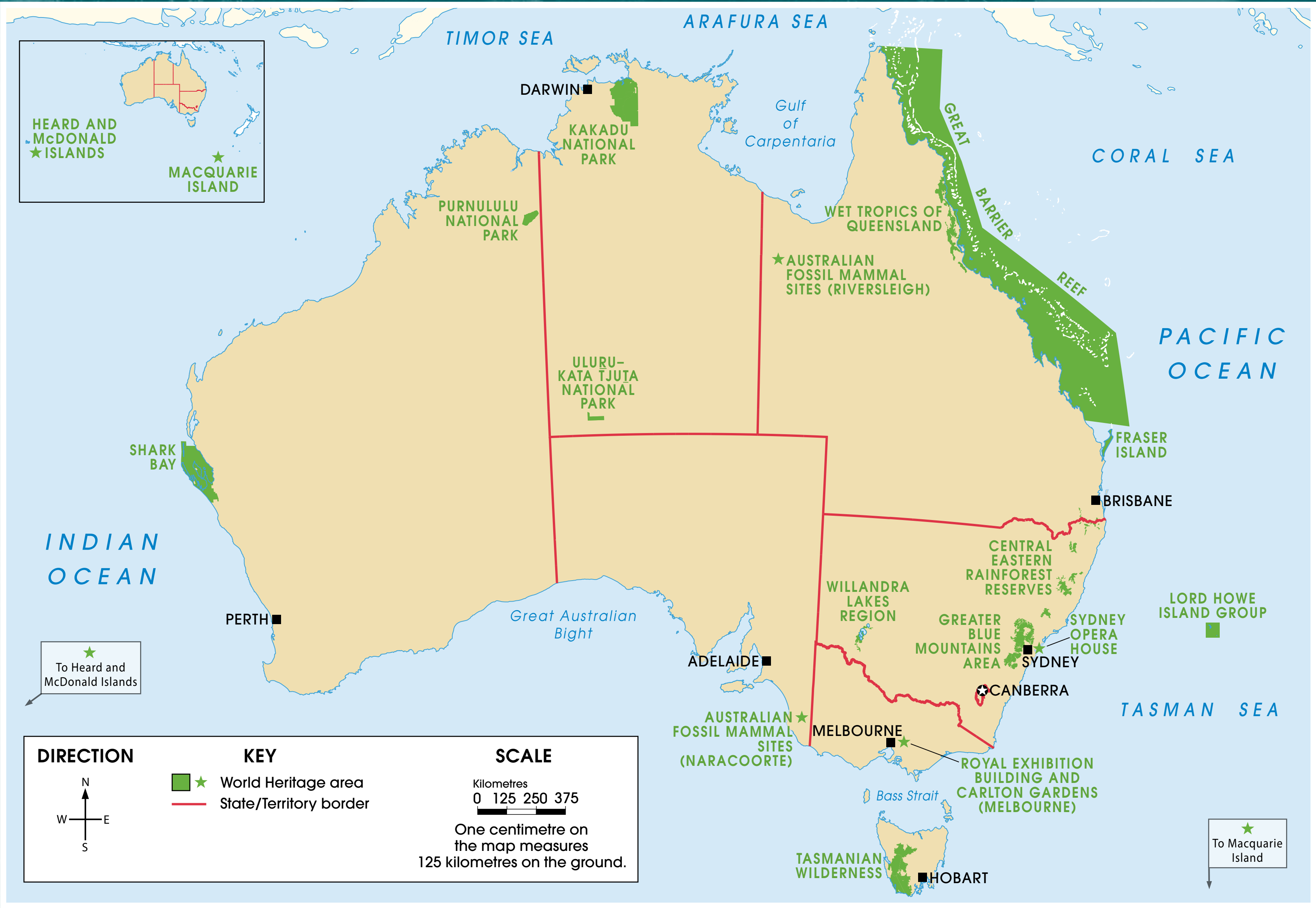


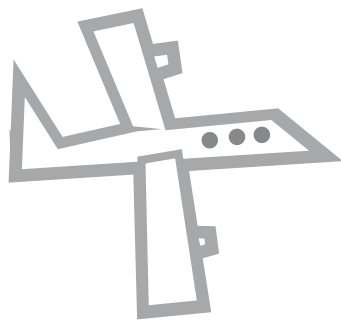
Australia Protected areas

Major national and marine parks



World Heritage areas





Background

This chart has two maps showing different features of Australia. ‘**Australia Major national and marine parks**’ is a thematic map that shows areas of Australia that are classified as national parks or marine parks. ‘**Australia World Heritage areas**’ is a thematic map that shows the location of each of the World Heritage areas. It also contains an inset showing the location of Macquarie Island and the Heard and McDonald Islands. Two more insets and arrows indicate these islands’ positions in relation to the mainland.

These maps can be used for case studies of specific areas and for comparisons between areas. Students can analyse the impact that humans have on the environment and the reasons for classifying areas as national park, marine park or World Heritage. Plants, animals, buildings and landscapes protected by these areas can be studied. Students can practise mapping skills, such as using a scale, a compass and a key.

Questions

Observing

- Locate the five features associated with the BOLTS mnemonic: border, orientation, legend, title and scale.

Comprehending

- Are these physical, political or thematic maps?
- Have you visited any of the national parks, marine parks or World Heritage areas on the maps? Which ones?

Applying

- How would you write the scale as a ratio?
- On the ‘Major national and marine parks’ map, what direction is Flinders Ranges National Park from Nullarbor National Park? And what direction is Nitmiluk National Park from Purnululu National Park?

Analysing

- On the ‘Major national and marine parks’ map, work out the approximate area of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
- Compare both of the maps. Are any of the national parks and marine parks also classified as World Heritage areas?

Evaluating

- Why are national parks, marine parks and World Heritage areas important?

Reflecting

- How might Australia be different if areas were not protected by national park, marine park and World Heritage classifications?

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