The Quarantine Protection of Sub-Antarctic Australia: Two Islands, Two Regimes Sandra Potter School of Geography and Environmental Studies University of Tasmania, Australia HYPERLINK "mailto:s_potter@utas.edu.au" s_potter@utas.edu.au

Abstract Sub-Antarctic Heard Island and Macquarie Island are among Australia's offshore properties susceptible to colonization by species introduced by humans. While both islands share World Heritage status and are IUCN Category Ia Protected Areas (Strict Nature Reserves), different quarantine protection regimes are in operation. Macquarie Island's biosecurity appears to be less catered for while the means and likelihood of introductions are greater. The administrative, political, practical and geographical contexts within which quarantine management planning takes place variously impact on the level of quarantine protection provided to both islands. These and other remote sites of high conservation value are unlikely to receive heightened protection until the issues associated with such management contexts receive greater attention.

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