

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK

**121. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the minister's response to my question without notice 1205 asked on 22 November 2022 about the proposed south coast marine park.

- (1) Have there been any amendments to the time lines specified in the minister's response; and, if so, why?
- (2) Has an economic and social impact assessment been undertaken for each of the regional communities affected by the proposed marine park; and, if yes, will the results of that assessment be provided to the members of the sector advisory groups and community reference committee members as part of the consultation process?
- (3) If no economic and social impact assessment has been completed, why not?
- (4) Have any mental health concerns been expressed by members of the SAG or CRC as a consequence of the way in which the consultation process has been managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions?

**Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:**

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) At the fifth meeting on 30 November and 1 December 2022, the community reference committee—CRC—resolved to postpone the final meeting from 22 and 23 February 2023 to 28 and 29 March. The extended time frame was requested by stakeholders to enable additional consultation with licensed commercial fishers and other stakeholders to inform the deliberations of the CRC, which is ongoing.
- (2) Yes. Socioeconomic impacts for the region are considered by the CRC in the development of the final management arrangements for the proposed south coast marine park.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) I am unaware of members of the CRC or SAGs expressing their personal mental health concerns as a consequence of the way the consultation process has been managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.