

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

**116. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the proposed south coast marine park and the Department for Biosecurity, Conservation and Attraction's proposal to brief key Esperance-based stakeholders on the status of the project and to seek their views on the draft community engagement strategy.

- (1) What key stakeholders is DBCA proposing to brief, and does this include local members of Parliament?
- (2) If the proposal is not to brief local members of Parliament, why not?
- (3) Has the time line for the establishment of the south coast marine park been revised as a consequence of the altered consultation process?
- (4) Other than the proposed briefings, what level of engagement has occurred between DBCA and key industry groups such as the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council and Recfishwest?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The organisations that the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is proposing to brief on the proposed south coast marine park draft community engagement strategy are: Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation; Goldfields–Esperance Development Commission; Shire of Esperance; Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Gary Johnson Foundation; Australia's Golden Outback; Esperance Deep Sea Angling Club; South East Coast Recreational Fishing Council; Esperance port; Southern Seafood Producers WA; Shire of Ravensthorpe; Shire of Jerramungup; Albany Boating and Offshore Fishing Club; Wagyl Kaip regional organisation; South Coast Cetaceans; Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation; *Western Angler* magazine—to be confirmed—and Shire of Albany. If the member is seeking a briefing, the Minister for Environment's office is happy to arrange one.
- (2) See (1).
- (3) Yes.
- (4) DBCA has met with the WA Fishing Industry Council and Recfishwest on a number of occasions regarding the proposed south coast marine park, including at a key stakeholder workshop on 2 October 2019 and focus group meetings in Albany and Esperance on 10 to 12 March 2020. In addition, the director general of DBCA chairs a reference group on marine park planning issues that includes WAFIC, Recfishwest, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and Save Our Marine Life, which has met on three occasions since 2020. WAFIC attended only the most recent meeting.