

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK — INDICATIVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

28. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the release of the indicative management plans for the proposed south coast marine park.

- (1) Does the Premier endorse the processes undertaken by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to develop the indicative public management plans for public comment?
- (2) How did the government develop the indicative management plans in the absence of a socio-economic impact assessment?
- (3) Does the Premier endorse the findings of the report prepared by ACIL Allen for the DBCA titled *The social and economic value of the south coast region*, dated September 2023?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Premier supports the release of the indicative management plans for public comment and encourages all Western Australians to consider the proposed marine park and provide any feedback they may have to make this marine park even better.
- (2) This is incorrect. An independent evaluation of the potential social and economic impacts of the proposed south coast marine park was completed.
- (3) The ACIL Allen report provides an independent evaluation of the potential social and economic impacts of the proposed south coast marine park. The evaluation is evidence based and is not based on opinion. The report found that the south coast marine park will have important recreation values, including recreational fishing and other outdoor recreational activities, that will benefit the health and wellbeing of users; will provide improved socio-economic outcomes for local Aboriginal people; will result in improved tourism experiences and increased visitation to the area, benefiting tourism businesses and operators; and will have no impact on mining.