

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK — REVIEW

663. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Colin de Grussa, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

I refer to the report *A review of the south coast marine environment and proposed areas for state marine reservation between Albany and Eucla, Western Australia*, by Carijoa Marine Consulting, dated June 2021, which was undertaken as part of the proposed south coast marine park.

- (1) Does the minister acknowledge that the review identified an absence of comprehensive biodiversity information?
- (2) Will the minister commit to undertake the additional research recommended in the review, as set out in chapter 8, “Gaps relevant to marine park planning along the south coast”, prior to the formulation of the marine park zoning scheme?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank Hon Colin de Grussa for the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Gaps in information required to formulate the marine park boundary and zoning scheme will be addressed during the planning process. The marine park management plan will direct research priorities to inform adaptive management of the park.
- (3) Not applicable.