

CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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

I refer to the implications that the creation of special purpose zones—cultural protection—as contemplated by the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021 will have on pre-existing and lawful commercial operations. Will any consideration be given to grandfathering current commercial operations in affected marine parks or reserves; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

Existing provisions in section 13D of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 recognise the validity of existing authorisations under the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 for commercial operations in marine parks, marine nature reserves and marine management areas. These provisions will not be affected by the passage of the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021. Current operations are considered in marine reserve planning processes.