

CAMDEN SOUND MARINE PARK

284. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

What are the multiple values that the government is aiming to manage in relation to the proposed Camden Sound marine park?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question. Is she talking about the biodiversity values? I did not quite get —

Hon Sally Talbot: The budget papers refer to “multiple values”.

Hon DONNA FARAGHER: Firstly, it is the nursery for humpback whales. Then of course there are a range of other areas such as Montgomery Reef as well as other areas. Obviously Camden Sound is a very important part of the Kimberley region from a marine point of view for whales, dugongs and the like, as well as other areas. I would have thought the honourable member would have known this. That is why we have announced that Camden Sound will become a marine park before the end of the year.