

ARTIFICIAL REEF — CARNARVON

**338. Mr V.A. CATANIA to the Minister for Fisheries:**

I refer to the minister's 2017 commitment to Recfishwest and the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce and Industry of \$300 000 to deliver the Carnarvon artificial reef.

- (1) Is the minister aware that five years after this commitment, there are now hundreds of noncompliant reef modules sitting in the yard in Carnarvon, costing the local chamber of commerce thousands of dollars?
- (2) Has the minister directly raised the need for a sea dumping approval with the federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment about why the constructed modules cannot be utilised for this project?
- (3) Is the minister aware that to create an artificial reef now, there would be a \$1.6 million cost?

**Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:**

I thank the member for North West Central for the question.

- (1)–(3) We work very closely with Recfishwest and we are working very closely with it on the recreational fishing plan. It certainly has not raised these issues with me and I will take them on notice, thank you.