

CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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

I refer to recent answers from the minister concerning the compatibility of extant commercial and recreational activities with special purpose zones to be established for Aboriginal culture and heritage under the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021.

- (1) At what point or points in the decision-making process will the operators of extant commercial or recreational activities be advised that their operations are likely to be incompatible with the purpose of the above-mentioned category of special purpose zones?
- (2) What specific rights of reply or rights of appeal embedded in this process will be granted to these operators to challenge or amend a determination of incompatibility?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Operators of existing commercial or recreational activities are consulted during the preparation of an indicative management plan for a marine park. Activities that are potentially incompatible are identified in the indicative management plan. Where activities may be incompatible with the conservation purpose of a special purpose zone to be established for Aboriginal culture and heritage, operators will be notified at the time the indicative management plan is released for public comment.
- (2) The decision to approve a marine park management plan, which amongst other things addresses the zoning and incompatible uses, rests with the Minister for Environment following the concurrence of the Minister for Fisheries and the Minister for Mines and Petroleum. Any stakeholders, including operators of commercial and recreational activities, can take their concerns to the relevant minister prior to a management plan being approved.