

FITZROY RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN

**743. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the Fitzroy River water allocation and management plan.

- (1) When will consultation for the Fitzroy River water allocation and management plan recommence?
- (2) When will a draft management plan be released for public comment?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) In April this year we announced a pause in the consultation to allow the Aboriginal community and other stakeholders to give their full attention to the COVID-19 response. It was also very difficult for our people to move down because of the internal barriers within the Kimberley. We are now starting to see some of the Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders wanting to resume consultation, so, when invited, we are beginning to re-engage with the Fitzroy River stakeholders. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development staff are in Fitzroy Crossing today meeting with Aboriginal stakeholders to advance the Fitzroy River management plan. Also, DPIRD will consult on key elements of the management plan that ties all the government's election commitments together in the coming months. Release of a full draft management plan will be reliant on the outcomes of this engagement.