

CAPES MARINE PARK — GAZETTAL DELAY

**456. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the delay in gazetting the proposed Capes Marine Park.

- (1) What additional advice has the minister sought from the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (2) When does the minister expect to receive the additional advice?
- (3) When does the minister propose to speak to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; and Fisheries regarding concurrence matters?
- (4) When can the community expect the government to make a decision on the gazettal of the Capes Marine Park?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) I have sought further advice on some aspects of the information underpinning the plan before I can give consideration to the proposal. I will consider the proposal when I have this advice. Before any marine park can be gazetted, the concurrence of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; and Fisheries is required under the Conservation and Land Management Act.