

CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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

I refer to the explanatory memorandum for the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021, which identifies that the proposed amendments will, among other things, provide for the laudable aim of “greater recognition of the rights of Aboriginal people by broadening the purpose of marine parks to include the protection and conservation of the value of marine parks to the culture and heritage of Aboriginal people”.

- (1) Does the continuation of lawful commercial and recreational activities prevent or impede the protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage in marine parks, marine management areas and/or marine nature reserves?
- (2) If yes, can the minister provide specific examples?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I am earning my money this afternoon! I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(2) Such matters would be considered on a case-by-case basis through the preparation or revision of the management plan for the respective marine reserve under the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984.