

CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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

I refer to the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021.

- (1) How does this bill vary from the version introduced in the previous Parliament on 24 June 2020?
- (2) What consultation has been undertaken with representatives of commercial and recreational fishing groups, particularly on the matter of special purpose zones, and on what days and which locations did this consultation occur?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The only change to the bill is the date, which has changed from 2020 to 2021. Otherwise, the content of the bill has not changed.
- (2) The response to this question is provided in the attached information, which I seek leave to have incorporated into *Hansard*. President, by way of explanation, it lists each group, and the date and detail of those meetings.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Consultation with representatives of commercial and recreational fishing groups occurred on the following dates, and locations have been provided where appropriate:

(a) Recfishwest

Date	Details
9 August 2019	The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) sent a consultation letter that offered a briefing on the proposed amendments to the <i>Conservation and Land Management Act 1984</i> (CALM Act). An information sheet on the proposed amendments was attached to the letter.
8 October 2019	A response to the consultation letter of 9 August 2019 was received from Recfishwest.
24 April 2020	DBCA sent an email offering a further briefing to Recfishwest.
30 April 2020	Recfishwest responded to the 24 April 2020 email noting its appreciation of the offer for a briefing but opted not to be briefed at that time.
3 September 2020	Recfishwest contacted DBCA to request a briefing on the Bill.
8 September 2020	A briefing was provided to Recfishwest following its contact on 3 September 2020. This briefing occurred via video conference.

(b) Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC)

Date	Details
9 August 2019	DBCA sent a consultation letter that offered a briefing on the proposed amendments to the CALM Act. An information sheet on the proposed amendments was attached to the letter.
20 August 2020	WAFIC contacted DBCA to request a briefing on the Bill.
25 August 2020	A briefing was provided to WAFIC following its contact on 20 August 2020. The briefing occurred at DBCA's offices at Kensington.
2 September 2020	WAFIC sent a letter to DBCA clarifying its issues and concerns.
14 September 2020	A response was provided to WAFIC addressing the matters it raised in its correspondence dated 2 September 2020.
18 September 2020	A meeting occurred between WAFIC and staff from the then Minister for Fisheries' office at Dumas House to discuss DBCA correspondence relating to the Bill.
24 September 2020	A letter from the then Minister for Environment relating to the Bill was sent to WAFIC.
