

DAMPIER PENINSULA AND BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO MARINE PARK

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

I refer to an ABC online news article of 24 June by Hannah Barry titled “Dampier Peninsula, Buccaneer Archipelago marine park plan attracts 17,000 submissions”.

- (1) How many submissions on the draft marine park plan were received from individuals or groups domiciled outside Australia?
- (2) Will those submissions be set aside or will they be considered in the formulation of the final draft marine park plan before it receives ministerial approval?
- (3) How many submissions on the draft marine park plan were received from Australian-based individuals or groups domiciled outside Western Australia?
- (4) Will those submissions be set aside or will they be considered in the formulation of the final draft marine park plan before it receives ministerial approval?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) There were 871 submissions on the indicative joint marine park management plans received from individuals or groups domiciled outside of Australia.
- (2) All submissions are considered. The location or origin of responses is taken into account to ensure that local issues are addressed in the finalisation of the management plan.
- (3) There were 12 520 submissions on the indicative joint marine park management plans received from Australian-based individuals or groups domiciled outside Western Australia.
- (4) See answer to (2).