

CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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

I refer to part (2) of the answer that the minister provided yesterday regarding consultation with commercial and recreational fishing groups on the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021.

- (1) Noting that the last recorded contact with Recfishwest was on 8 September 2020 and the last recorded contact with the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council was on 24 September 2020, is the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions advising that it has had no contact with affected marine park users for eight months before the minister decided to reintroduce the bill?
- (2) Which affected stakeholders has DBCA engaged with on the bill aside from Recfishwest and WAFIC since September last year?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions maintains an ongoing consultative relationship with a broad range of stakeholders, including commercial and recreational fishing groups, traditional owners, conservation groups and other users of Western Australia’s marine parks. The bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 17 November 2020 and the fortieth Parliament was prorogued prior to it reaching the Legislative Council. In the event that the bill is amended, DBCA will recommence specific consultation with relevant stakeholders.