

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK — TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

The question is regarding the development of a future south coast marine park by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

- (1) Which traditional owner groups will be affected by the proposal?
- (2) Which traditional owner groups have been consulted by DBCA and when did this consultation occur?
- (3) What is the government's policy regarding joint vesting of the marine park; for instance, will the marine park be joint vested with all traditional owners collectively or with each group separately?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The proposed south coast marine park affects the Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar, Esperance Tjaltjraak, Ngadju and Mirning traditional owners.
- (2) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is actively consulting with all traditional owner groups.
- (3) Amendments to the Conservation and Land Management Act to enable the joint vesting of marine parks are currently before Parliament. The potential joint vesting of any marine parks on the south coast will be considered separately with each native title party, as was the case in the Buccaneer Archipelago.