

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK

**901. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Environment:**

I have a supplementary question.

**The SPEAKER:** Supplementary question—hopefully it can be heard in silence.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** Minister, this is one of the most woeful consultations —

**The SPEAKER:** Sorry, not an introduction, just a question please.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** Can I take it from those comments that the minister is very comfortable that the United States-based Pew Charitable Trusts is leading this process ahead of local community consultation?

**Mr R.R. WHITBY replied:**

What the member for Roe is saying is a complete and utter fallacy. Pew is not leading anything. It is part of a process just like recreational and commercial fishers. It has no more or less say than anyone else with a seat at the table. The member's opportunity here is to get on the right side of history and support this, not to undermine it and cause angst and uncertainty to good people in the community who earn their living from working in the sea. The member should be thinking about them because this nonsense argument and these falsehoods that he brings to this place almost daily are causing unnecessary anxiety. This is a good process. It is a proper process and we will get a good outcome.