

BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO — MARINE PARKS

967. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the Minister for Environment's response to question without notice number 907, asked on 29 August 2023, regarding the recently established marine parks within the Buccaneer Archipelago.

- (1) Are the delays in completing the statutory processes under section 62 of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 —
 - (a) an impediment to finalising compensation for commercial fishing operators under the Fishing and Related Industries Compensation (Marine Reserves) Act 1997; or
 - (b) in any way attributable to resource availability within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development?
- (2) Given the aforementioned delays and the protracted compensation process for the Ngari Capes Marine Park, what assurances can the minister provide to commercial fishers impacted by the proposed south coast marine park that they will not suffer the same delays?

Hon KYLE McGINN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Fisheries.

- (1)
 - (a) The implementation of the Buccaneer Archipelago marine parks and associated zoning schemes is underway, with compensation processes under the Fishing and Related Industries Compensation (Marine Reserves) Act 1997 proposed to be conducted once all marine park arrangements are in place to enable an efficient and fair process for potentially impacted fishers.
 - (b) No.
- (2) The proposed south coast marine park is still in the planning phase. When the park is finalised, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will work with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on the gazettal of the section 62 notices and other relevant requirements to support the compensation process.