

MURUJUGA ROCK ART STRATEGY

508. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Murujuga rock art strategy and, in particular, the monitoring program.

- (1) How many of the key stages of the monitoring program have been completed to date?
- (2) Can the minister please provide an updated estimated completion date for each of the key stages not yet completed?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question, which I answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The Murujuga rock art monitoring program is on schedule and meeting milestones. The key stages of the program are available on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's website. All four of the year 1 and 2 key stages have been completed. This included a review of processes that have the potential to cause changes to the rock art; a stakeholder workshop; conceptual models and a monitoring studies plan; and identification of optimal monitoring sites.
- (2) Key stages for years 2 and 3 commenced in March 2022, including fieldwork and laboratory studies, and ranger training and capacity building. Both these stages are ongoing. Stakeholder workshops will take place in late 2022 and 2023. Results from the 2022 monitoring studies will be available in April 2023 and will inform the development of interim environmental quality criteria in mid-2023, with final environmental quality criteria expected at the end of 2025.