

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK — CONSULTATION

672. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Environment:

I have a supplementary question. Why are entities from the likes of the United States that have no connection or obligations to our state influencing discussions on marine parks in my local constituency?

Mr R.R. WHITBY replied:

They are not. We are consulting with the Western Australian community. I have just explained to the member the depth of the engagement with local communities and local recreational and commercial fishermen. Yes, people from outside the state want to put in a submission and will continue to do so. We will consider all those submissions. We actually actively engage with those people in our community who have a direct interest in what we are trying to achieve here. We will consult everyone. There is an opportunity later this year of three months, or maybe more, for the public to again put in submissions, including those who have already gone through the process and said and contributed a lot. We will listen to them again and consider their input as well.