**Parliamentary Question**

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**Question & Answer:**

With regard to the Dampier Archipelago-Cape Preston Marine Conservation Reserve Proposal -

(1) When did the planning process for a marine conservation reserve in the area commence?

(2) Was a community-based advisory committee established and on what date?

(3) Who were the members of this committee during its life and does the committee still meet?

(4) What bodies or departments did the members of this committee represent?

(5) Was a draft indicative management plan created?

(6) If yes to (5), on what date?

(7) Was this draft indicative management plan reviewed by the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority (MPRA) and was advice tendered to the Minister?

(8) If yes to (7), when did the review occur and when was the advice received by the Minister?

(9) Will the Minister table the draft indicative management plan and the advice the Minister received from the MPRA?

(10) Was further consultation on the zoning scheme undertaken with stakeholders subsequent to the advice provided to the Minister by the MPRA?

(11) If yes to (10), who were the stakeholders or their representatives involved?

(12) Did these consultations result in amendments to the proposed zoning scheme?

(13) If yes to (12), what were those amendments?

(14) Who were the members of the MPRA during the time this plan was being considered by them?

(15) On 11 January 2005, the Minister released the indicative management plan for public comment until 10 May 2005, can the Minister identify when this plan will be completed?

(16) Has the Department received comment on the proposed plan?

(17) If yes to (16), from whom?

(1) 1998.

(2) Yes, June 2000.

(3) Members of the advisory committee were Mr Trevor Ruland, (Chair), Mr Simon Bennison, Mr Dennis Bryan-Smith, Mr Kent Buddle, Dr Andrew Heyward, Mr John Kraus, Mr John Lally, Dr Stephen van Leeuwen, Mr Nicholas Miller, Mr Greg Oliver, Mr Noel Parkin, Ms Irene Stainton and Mr Len Vertigan. The committee no longer meets.

(4) Members of the advisory committee were non-representative. They were selected based on their knowledge of the area and expertise.

(5) Yes.

(6) The draft indicative management plan was developed by the advisory committee, with assistance from the then Department of Conservation and Land Management, between August 2000 and February 2003.

(7) Yes.

(8) The Marine Parks and Reserves Authority reviewed the draft indicative management plan on 19 August 2003 and provided their advice to the Minister for the Environment, as required under section 14(6)(a) of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, on 29 August 2003.

(9) Yes. [See Tabled Paper Number ]

(10) Yes. A package of information was mailed to stakeholders in November 2003, at the direction of the Minister for the Environment, seeking additional comment on the draft indicative management plan.

(11) Approximately 30 individuals were sent the package outlining the current proposal and seeking responses. Individual names have not been included for privacy reasons.

Groups or organisations consulted in November 2003 for additional comment on the Draft Indicative Management plan for the proposed Dampier Archipelago Marine Park and Cape Preston Marine Management Area are as follows:

Department of Indigenous Affairs

Western Australian Museum

Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee

Central Agricultural and Pastoral Aboriginal Association

Regional Commission of Elders

Yamatji Land and Sea Council

Ngarluma/Yinjibarndi Native Title Claim

Kurama Native Tittle Claim

Yaburarr/Marduthunera Native Title Claim

Wong-goo-tt-oo Native Title Claim

Department of Fisheries

Aquaculture Council of Western Australia

Pearl Producers Association

Cossack Pearls

Dampier pearling Company

Southern Cross Pearls

Maxima Pearls

Indian Ocean Pearls Australia

Western Australian Fishing Industry Council

Nickol Bay Professional Fisherman's Association

Onslow Professional Fisherman's Association

Oceanarium Live Marine Supplies

Jenko Fishing

Westmore Seafoods

Redland Bay

Tasmanian Seafoods

Conservation Council of Western Australia

Australian Conservation Foundation

Australian Marine Conservation Society

Birds Australia

Business and Professional Women Pilbara

Dampier Archipelago Preservation Association

Greenpeace

Marine and Coastal Community Network

National Parks Association

Nickol Bay Naturalists' Club

Soroptimists International of Karratha and Districts

Wilderness Society

World Wildlife Fund

Department of Industry and Resources

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association

Dampier Port Authority

Dampier Salt

Hamersley Iron

Woodside Energy Ltd

Mermaid Marine Australia

Tap Oil

Chevron Australia

Strike Oil

Santos Ltd

Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA Inc

Shire of Roebourne

Member for Burrup

Western Australian Maritime Museum

King Bay Game Fishing Club

Nickol Bay Sports Fishing Club

Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee

Nor-West Game Fishing Club

Recfishwest

Department for Planning and Infrastructure

Department of Sport and Recreation

Dampier Community Association

Dampier Archipelago Recreational Dwellers Association

Hampton Harbour Boat and Sailing Club

Port Walcott Yacht Club

Dampier Dive Club

Reddog 4WD Club

National Outdoor Leadership School

Samson Community Association

Port Walcott Diving Club

Western Australian Tourism Commission

Karratha and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.

Karratha Tourist Bureau

Pilbara Charter Boat Owners Association

Shire of Roebourne Karratha Tourism Committee

Pilbara Development Commission

Pilbara Tourism Association

Get-a-Way Charters

Norkat

Snappy Gum Safaris

Sail-a-Way

Deck'Em

Dampier House Boat Hire

Big Day Out

True North

Pro-Zack Fly Fishing Adventures

Point Samson Charter Company

Dampier House Boat hire

Dampier Island Tours

(12) No. The MPRA did not alter its advice to the Minister for the Environment.

(13) Not applicable.

(14) Members of the MPRA when the draft indicative management plan was considered were Dr Barry Wilson (Chair), Mr Eric Streitberg, Prof. Diana Walker, Ms Edwina Davies Ward, Mr Kim Colero, Mr Tony van Merwyk and Mr Angus Horwood.

(15) The Government intends to release the final management plan following creation of the marine conservation reserves in the latter part of 2007.

(16) Yes.

(17) Submitters to the Indicative Management Plan for the proposed Dampier Archipelago Marine Park and Cape Preston Marine Management Area:

24 individual submissions received

Dampier Port Authority

Department of Environment

Department of Fisheries

Department of Indigenous Affairs

Department of Industry and Resources

Department for Planning and Infrastructure

Department of Sport and Recreation

Pilbara Development Commission

Tourism Western Australia, Chief Executive Officer

Tourism Western Australia, Executive Director, Industry Development and Visitor Servicing

Western Australian Museum (Aquatic Zoology Department)

CSIRO Marine Research

Pilbara Native Title Service

Australian Coral Reef Society

Australian Marine Sciences Association (WA Branch)

Conservation Council of Western Australia Inc.

The Wilderness Society WA Inc.

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Aquarium Specimen Collectors Association of WA Inc.

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Ltd

Nickol Bay Professional Fishers Association

Pearl Producers Association

Pilbara Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee

Recfishwest

The Western Australian Game Fishing Association

Western Australian Professional Shell Fishermen's Association Inc.

Western Australian Fishing Industry Council

Coral Plantations

Dampier Salt Ltd

Erskine Pets

Karratha Outdoors and Dive Centre

Mineralogy Pty Ltd

National Outdoor Leadership School

Newtown Aquarium

Oceanarium

Perth Aquarium and Display Centre

Pilbara Iron Pty Ltd

Pisces Aquariums

Point Samson Resort

Redland Bay

Scott Szulc (Moonlight Pearls)

Tasmanian Seafoods Pty Ltd

Veba's Tropical and Marine Aquarium Supply

Wayne McKenzie-Brown (aquarium collector)

William Harvey (commercial specimen shell collector)

Woodside Energy Ltd

Wormborough Aquatics

Dampier Archipelago Preservation Association

King Bay Game Fishing Club

Petitions:

*Petition for the Dampier Archipelago/Cape Preston marine conservation proposal*

Signed by 87 individuals

*Delambre Island sanctuary zone proforma*

Signed by 40 individuals