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CORAL TROUT SPAWNING CLOSURE

Mr TURNER (Thuringowa—ONP) (10.29 a.m.): Having been a professional fisherman for 20 years, I have witnessed the need for a spawning closure for coral trout. Some time ago, at a meeting with the Townsville branch of the Queensland Commercial Fishermen's Organisation, I pointed out the urgent need for a closure, and it agreed unanimously. I also had discussions with the Minister for Primary Industries, the Australian Institute of Marine Science and the Department of Primary Industries on this matter. I wish to compliment the Minister, the Honourable Henry Palaszczuk, for the decision to implement this spawning closure. This is so important to the preservation of coral trout stocks on the Great Barrier Reef. Again, I congratulate the Minister on a very important decision.
