

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1611**  
**Asked on Thursday, 30 October 2008**

QUESTION:

**MR CRIPPS** asked the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) –

With reference to the Government's 19 October announcement of zoning plans for Moreton Bay Marine Park—

(1) How will effort not move back into Moreton Bay after the implementation of the State Government's \$15.1m structural adjustment package?

(2) How will his department prevent commercial fishermen who are bought out as part of this structural adjustment package from re-entering the Moreton Bay Marine Park?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hinchinbrook for these questions regarding the Structural Adjustment Package for Moreton Bay Marine Park.

The Moreton Bay Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package has two features that will specifically address the questions raised by the Member for Hinchinbrook.

Firstly, by applying to the Structural Adjustment Package, licence holders agree that they will not use a licence from outside waters within the Moreton Bay Marine Park for a period of five years.

This agreement does not prevent a successful applicant from using the money to purchase a fishing licence and operating it outside the Moreton Bay Marine Park, nor does it prevent them from staying in the fishing industry by operating on another fishing licence with a history of operating in the Moreton Bay Marine Park.

Secondly, the Moreton Bay Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package has two components. The first and largest component concentrates on removing fishing licences with historical catches within the marine park. The second component looks to remove low priced fishing licences from Queensland's east coast that could be relocated to the marine park. This second component further reduces the risk of latent effort outside of the marine park moving into the park.

The Moreton Bay Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package has been developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries to ensure that both conservation and fishery issues are considered in the package.

These measures will benefit both the environment and the operators remaining in the marine park and the fishing industry has acknowledged these moves to prevent fishing effort moving back into the marine park following completion of the Structural Adjustment Package.