

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 619

asked on Tuesday, 10 September 2013

DR DOUGLAS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government's plan for ecotourism in national parks—

Will the Minister advise if there are plans to include Nerang National Park and Nerang State Forest in those plans?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

It is possible that Nerang National Park and/or Nerang State Forest may be identified by industry as ecotourism destinations through the “investor-led” EOI process. Submissions for this process closed on 27 September 2013 and are currently being assessed.

All ecotourism proposals received by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing will be subject to a rigorous assessment process to ensure ecotourism facilities will be located, designed and managed sensitively to ensure compatibility with the natural and cultural values of the area.