

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 734

asked on Thursday, 17 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister move quickly to revoke the Labor Government imposed fishing green zone which exists along the actual foreshore between Woody Point and Scott's Point, thus presenting a ban on family fishing from the beach, which sits along the edge of a wonderful parkland and BBQ area local Redcliffe people embrace?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

The Moreton Bay Marine Park is a multiple-use marine protected area which protects, via zoning and other management arrangements, outstanding marine environments and fish habitats while allowing for a range of commercial, recreational and tourism pursuits.

The Scott's Point Marine National Park (green) Zone was implemented in March 2009 following the review of the Moreton Bay Marine Park zoning plan by the former Government.

Currently, 84 per cent of the marine park is open for recreational fishing. This area includes a wide range of fish habitats such as mangrove lined estuaries, seagrass meadows, rocky shores and reefs, deep ocean and surf beaches.

Six artificial reefs were constructed or enhanced at a cost of \$2 million to provide new opportunities for recreational fishing, further adding to the range of key fishing locations in the marine park. Due to the popularity and success of these reefs a further \$2 million has been allocated to the construction of artificial reefs in Moreton Bay and Great Sandy Marine Parks.