

**Question on Notice**

**No. 913**

**Asked on 11 June 2019**

**MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the ongoing impacts of the abuse of current pipi bag limits in Noosa— Will the Minister advise when consideration, as requested previously, will be given to the introduction of a per vehicle versus per person pipi bag limit to reduce this abuse?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

The introduction of a limit per vehicle for pipis is not proposed at this time.

A number of other changes are proposed as part of the current fisheries reform process to improve the sustainability of species in Queensland. At the last East Coast Inshore Working Group meeting in March 2019, there was support for a proposed reduction to the in-possession limit from 50 to 30 for gastropod molluscs, including pipis.

Feedback on this proposal is being sought through a discussion paper on proposed regulatory amendments. This is currently open for community consultation until 19 July 2019. All members of the public have the opportunity to provide feedback as part of this process. Subject to consultation feedback, Government consideration of the proposed changes is anticipated to occur before the end of 2019.

The Government has also invested heavily in increasing the operational capability of the Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol and Fisheries Queensland over successive Budgets.

This investment includes record recruitment of new officers; new technology like drones and surveillance cameras; and increased focus on engagement to inform and educate all fishing sectors.

The Government will continue to monitor the issue and consider additional measures as required.