

Question on Notice

No. 114

Asked on Thursday, 6 February 2020

MRS S WILSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the status of the Bribie Island National Park Visitor Management Strategy and explain why, to date, I have not been consulted as promised by the Minister and her department?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Queensland's parks and forests deserve the best management plans possible, to ensure our natural and cultural assets are protected and support local communities.

The Department of Environment and Science (the department) has commenced preparing material to inform the management planning process cooperatively with Bribie Island's First Nations peoples, the Kabi Kabi People.

It is crucial that First Nations people's rights and interests are considered at the forefront of any planning process, and in drafting the management plan and the associated visitor management strategy.

Engaging with the community and seeking community input is also a key component. I understand that many members of the community and interest group representatives are eager to have input into the management plan and visitor management strategy, and the department is committed to providing adequate opportunity for this to happen.

As I have indicated, the Member for Pumicestone will be included in the consultation process.