

Question on Notice

No. 2

Asked on 4 February 2020

MS K RICHARDS ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise on any bait awareness campaigns currently being offered by Biosecurity Queensland to recreational fishers?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Raw imported prawns and seafood meant for human consumption could introduce serious diseases if used as bait in our waterways. That is why I launched the Bait Awareness Campaign on 23 January 2020 at the Boating, Camping and Fishing (BCF) store in Keperra to make sure anglers heading out for a fish during the Australia Day long weekend were doing the right thing.

The state-wide bait awareness campaign will be running until the end of May 2020 and will raise awareness of correct bait use during the upcoming public holidays and the Easter break when people are out fishing. The campaign will be displayed across multiple platforms including social media and catch up TV.

The campaign message is clear - don't use supermarket prawns as bait – grab your bait from a bait shop or service station or catch your own. This will protect our state's pristine waterways and our seafood industry from exotic diseases. We all have a part to play in doing that for Queensland.