

Question on Notice

No. 630

Asked on Tuesday, 25 May 2021

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the conclusion of the Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2016-2020 —

Will the Minister outline any key metrics the government has collected to determine what its outcomes were and if/when a new strategy will be released?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2016-2020 included actions to be delivered by multiple government partner agencies.

The delivery of actions has been highly successful.

The Queensland Government led by the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport has also established the Tourism Industry Reference Panel to seek industry recommendations on how best to support the tourism sector, including the ecotourism sub-sector, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Panel recently released a discussion paper – designing our tourism future, seeking input into the future of tourism in Queensland which is available on the Queensland Government website at <https://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/gi/consultation/8305/view.html>.

Submissions on the discussion paper close on Monday, 28 June 2021.

The recommendations will lead to the development of an Action Plan for Tourism Recovery, anticipated to be released in early 2022.