

Question on Notice

No. 806

Asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

MR A PERRETT 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 it being eight months since the 14 October 2020 election commitment to extend for another 20 years access for Beekeepers to existing apiary sites in national parks—

Will the Minister advise (a) when will the government meet this commitment and (b) when will the Minister meet with the Queensland Beekeepers Association to discuss this issue?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Section 184 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* currently allows apiary permits for beekeeping to be granted within certain national parks, which were formerly forest reserves, until 31 December 2024.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to introducing legislative amendments into Parliament to allow the continuation of beekeeping in those areas for 20 years, until 31 December 2044. Accordingly, it is intended that the amendments will be introduced during this term of Government.

My office has been discussing the matter with representatives of the Association and recently had a productive meeting with these representatives providing an update on delivery of this commitment.