

Question on Notice

No. 380

Asked on Tuesday, 10 May 2022

MS S BOLTON 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 extensive timeframe that the 1994 Great Sandy National Park Management plan has been under review—

Will the Minister advise when this will be escalated as a matter of urgency with a projected date for completion?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Great Sandy Area includes the K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area and the Cooloolo Recreation Area dedicated under the *Recreation Area Management Act 2006*. A Management Plan is currently being prepared for each Recreation Area separately and gazetted in line with the provisions of the Act, including a period of public consultation and submission.

In partnership with the Kabi Kabi First Nations People, a draft Management Plan has been prepared for the Cooloolo Recreation Area and incorporates—Cooloolo (Noosa River) Resources Reserve, Great Sandy Resources Reserve, Double Island Point Conservation Park, Sheep Island Conservation Park, Womalah Resources Reserve and the Cooloolo Section of Great Sandy National Park.

The draft Cooloolo Recreation Area Management Plan is expected to be released for public consultation later in 2022.

The Department of Environment and Science will work with the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation and the Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation in the development of the Management Plan for the K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area. With the agreement of the Butchulla people, it is intended to deliver a draft K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area Management Plan for public consultation in 2023.