

Question on Notice

No. 915

Asked on Wednesday, 31 August 2022

MS F SIMPSON 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 Maroochy River Conservation Park Management Plan which was gazetted in 2000, and was due for review 10 years after its approval—

Will the Minister advise (a) when this review will finally be completed, (b) whether all stakeholders and community will be consulted and (c) what key performance indicators are used now to ensure this conservation area is appropriately protected and maintained?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

A review of the Maroochy River Conservation Park Management Plan will be completed once current management planning processes for priority national parks in the region have been completed.

These management planning processes are occurring in full consultation with our First Nations partners, the Kabi Kabi people.

Like the management planning process currently underway, community and stakeholder consultation will be a key requirement in reviewing the Maroochy River Conservation Park's Management Plan.

In addition to the management directions set in the existing Management Plan, the Conservation Park is currently managed and monitored in accordance with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's well-established Values Based Park Management Framework and underpinned with contemporary policy and procedures for fire management and associated burning guidelines, and visitor and pest management strategies.