

Question on Notice

No. 1559

Asked on Wednesday, 29 November 2023

MR A PERRETT asked the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's joint press release of 5 June 'Tackling the risks to the reef' regarding the buyout and removal of all N2 and N4 licences, and the buyout removal and condition of N1 licences and Minister Linard's 13 July media release 'Great Sandy Marine Park zoning changes to protect marine wildlife, great lifestyle'—

Will the Minister advise the number of N1, N2, and N4 licences (reported separately) affected by the closures in the Great Sandy Marine Park Zone

ANSWER:

I thank the member for his question.

There has been a total of 26 N1 licences, 11 K or N10 licences who have used their N1 right bringing that to a total of 37 N1 licences, and nine N2 licences which have reported harvest from areas that will be impacted by the rezoning. 0 use of the N4 is recorded in the rezoning area.

These figures are post the reforms of September 2021, when improved reporting information from commercial fishers became available.

Affected licence holders will receive impact mitigation payments, voluntary exit packages, and other support such as access to retraining grants, gillnet buy outs, boat refit grants, crew and skipper support payments, through the \$25 million budget set aside to financially support fishers impacted by the Great Sandy Marine Park rezoning.