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Pederick tells O'Brien "Get used to lack of consultation"

Shadow Fisheries Minister Adrian Pederick said Minister Michael O'Brien's bleat that he should have been consulted by the federal government about tuna quota cuts was laughable coming from a government whose own record on consultation was dismal.

On radio recently, the minister complained consultation between federal government ministers and bureaucrats and his office was inadequate.

'It is truly ironic to hear this from a Rann Government minister,' Mr Pederick said.

'The matter of poor, late or non-existent consultation between the Rann Labor government and the broader community directly affected by their decisions has been a recurrent theme.

'We in opposition constantly hear complaints on this from all sectors – health, education, transport, local government, development, agriculture, police, emergency services – you name it.

'Minister O'Brien has to understand he is part of a political culture for whom 'Shoot first – ask questions later' is the norm.

'I wish him luck with his request and urge him as Minister to practice what he preaches.'