

MARINE PARKS – 4 May 2011

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:57): My question is to the Minister for Environment and Conservation. What will the cost per square kilometre be for managing and maintaining South Australia's marine parks and sanctuary zones? The environment department manager has declined to put a figure on the total cost of managing South Australia's marine parks, which are yet to be finalised, but it would be reasonable to expect that a cost per square kilometre would already be known. It has been reported that marine parks can cost as much as \$2,600 per square kilometre, which would place a massive burden on South Australian taxpayers and could render the state's vital export fishing industry—

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: A point of order, Madam Speaker. The member has clearly wandered into debate in his question.

The SPEAKER: Very close to it, but I think he has finished his question now.

The Hon. P. CAICA (Colton—Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water) (14:58): The way in which the question was asked, I think he used the words 'it would be reasonable to expect'. I think it would be reasonable to expect that the member for Hammond, along with others from the other side, would by now have an understanding that the marine parks, in particular the sanctuary zones, have not been determined and are yet to be determined. We still have a detailed process to undertake with the local advisory groups that are meeting as we speak, and will continue to meet.

Ms Chapman interjecting:

The Hon. P. CAICA: I find it interesting that the member for Bragg has been very well behaved today. I think she has only done—how many is it?

An honourable member: Twenty-nine.

The Hon. P. CAICA: Twenty-nine interjections today, which is very good for her. She hit 68 the other week and said, 'That's outrageous, it should have been 70.'

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P. CAICA: Quite simply, these matters have not been determined yet.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P. CAICA: Nothing has been worked out yet because we have not determined what the areas are going to be, and that will be determined subsequently, just as will any regional or economic impact statement on those zones. You do not do that before you have actually determined what area is going to be within and determines those sections. But—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P. CAICA: —interestingly, Madam Speaker (and I am not a great shake on the computer so someone showed it to me), on this part of the computer that is called YouTube—or YouTube, I think it is.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. J.D. Hill interjecting:

The Hon. P. CAICA: Thank you. I am getting advice from my friend the Minister for Health on aspects that relate to tubes. Anyway, at this Burnside Town Hall rally, the member for Bragg was on the podium (it was something reflecting the Nuremberg rallies) banging on the—

Mr PENGILLY: Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order! There is a point of order.

Mr PENGILLY: Standing order 98.

The SPEAKER: Yes, I think the minister needs to get back to the question. I will uphold that.

The Hon. P. CAICA: I will, indeed, Madam Speaker. Of course, an audience member put a question regarding marine parks. He said, 'I'm a spear fisherman of 44 years' or more experience. This is the first time I have ever seen this sort of bullshit. I want to ask the Liberal Party: if this crap goes through, are they going to chuck it out?' The member for Bragg, over raucous cheering, banging the podium, said, 'Okay, I'm getting the head girl up here to give the answer.' The Leader of the Opposition swaggers up to the podium and says, 'The short answer is: yes.'

Madam Speaker, the point I am making is it would be reasonable to expect that there would be a level of maturity from the opposition with respect to engaging in this debate on marine parks.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P. CAICA: Of course, quite simply—

The SPEAKER: Order! There is a point of order. Sit down.

Mr PENGILLY: Standing order 98.

The SPEAKER: Yes, we are back to relevance again. Minister, I am sure you have nearly finished your answer.

The Hon. P. CAICA: Madam Speaker, this is extremely relevant. We cannot determine what the costs are with respect to the monitoring, enforcement and compliance of marine parks until—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P. CAICA: —those marine parks and sanctuary zones have been determined.