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Parliamentary Committee on Marine Parks to visit Eyre Peninsula

An Upper House inquiry into Marine Parks in South Australia will visit Eyre Peninsula to hear evidence in Port Lincoln on Wednesday and Streaky Bay on Thursday.

“This is an important step in the whole process, and I welcome the decision of the Select Committee to visit the region to hear first-hand about the impacts on our industries and the community,” Liberal Member for Flinders Peter Treloar said today.

“We have 10 of the 19 Marine Parks off the coast of Eyre Peninsula, and as the seafood and aquaculture capital of Australia arguably, we need to have our voices heard when it comes to the sanctuary zones and management plans for the State’s Marine Parks.

“The Labor Government has botched the consultation on this important issue, with many people involved in the local advisory groups feeling that they are simply not being listened to,” Mr Treloar said.

“It’s time for Premier Weatherill and Minister Caica to genuinely listen to the concerns of the commercial fishing industries, recreational anglers, and all regional communities.

“They must also heed the recommendations of this Select Committee when they finalise their report – the Government can’t simply whitewash the Committee’s work as they’ve done with the Upper House inquiry into the forward sale of the State’s forestry assets.”

The Select Committee will hear evidence from 10:00am on Wednesday 16 November, in the Flinders Room of the Port Lincoln Hotel.

On Thursday 17 November, the Committee will hear evidence from 10:00am, in the Function Room of the Streaky Bay Hotel.

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