

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Topic:** Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia - Threats  
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**Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:**

Are there any other threats other than climate change to the health and distribution of the Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia?

**Answer:**

Other threats include impacts on water quality from land-based activities and aquaculture and potential loss from catastrophic storm events.