

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

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Program: Wildlife Heritage and Marine Division (WHM)
Topic: Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia – Current Studies
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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

What studies are the department aware of (current or past) on the value of these forests to fishing or other communities (diving/tourism)?

Answer:

The Department is not aware of specific studies that give an economic value for these kelp forests either for fishing or diving/tourism.