



COASTLINE SWAMPED WITH MARINE PARKS
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Eleven of the state's 19 proposed marine parks will be located off the coast of Eyre Peninsula.

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold urges people to visit the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) tent at the Eyre Peninsula Field Days next week to find out if possible the exact location of the parks that interest them.

"Other things that need to be asked are what activities will be allowed in the designated areas, how boundaries will be marked, who will police the laws, what penalties are suggested, etc."

"The departmental description of the parks as 'representative examples of marine habitats' is suspect when so many will be sited on about 700 kilometres of the states 5,600 kilometre coastline."

"That leaves an awful lot of coastline particularly around metropolitan Adelaide without anything of interest in the marine environment, a fact which seems to have escaped the notice of the Labor state Minister for Environment Jay Weatherill," she said.

Mrs Penfold said the exercise is shrouded in uncertainty, imprecision and haziness, rather like the Country Health Plan which one constituent described as trying to debate a mirage. ENDS