

# Scientists in the zone on fish ban

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ALMOST 40 scientists including senior academics have called for fishing to remain banned in existing marine park sanctuary zones ahead of a controversial vote in State Parliament that is likely to be decided by the two independent ministers in the Labor Cabinet.

The coalition of conservationists and researchers will today release a statement signed by 38 scientists that warns Liberal moves to open up fishing in the zones would "fundamentally damage" marine park integrity and have "major negative biodiversity conservation outcomes".

The legislation passed the Upper House in July and is set to be voted on by the Lower House on September 18, in State Parliament's first week back after the current winter break.

Opposition environment spokeswoman Michelle Len-

sink is seeking to allow fishing in 12 of the 80 zones. They include around Kangaroo Island, Eyre Peninsula and Gulf St Vincent.

"The main problem with the way the marine parks were designed was that there was never a proper threat assessment done in the first place," she said. "There is going to be a lot of economic loss for the regions that are most impacted."

Signatories to the protest statement include University of Adelaide ecological modelling director Corey Bradshaw, Flinders University marine biology associate professor Sabine Dittmann and University of SA ecosystem health adjunct professor Philip Weinstein.

The Liberals would need the support of independent ministers Geoff Brock and Martin Hamilton-Smith for the changes to become law.

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**TESTAMENT:** Simon Hilton, with lawyer Julie Height, supports the push for a central will registry. Picture: TAIT SCHMAAL

**JILL PENGELLEY**

A CENTRAL register of wills is being proposed for South Australia, to avoid the frustration and cost relatives inherit when a will goes missing.

The registry, if adopted, would be the only one in Australia, and would record the existence of private wills and their locations.

NSW is the only state to have set up a public will register but its pilot scheme was abandoned last year for lack of use.

The idea is one of three put forward in an issues paper by the SA Law Reform Institute.

The others are a will bank, where wills would be stored, or to have neither.

Simon Hilton's father Dennis DeGilio died in January and Mr Hilton said he was still trying to find his will.

"I was shocked to find wills don't have to be registered," he said. "In some cases you're looking at millions of dollars of estate. It makes no sense at all."

Mr Hilton, of Morphett

Vale, is contesting what he believes is an old will his father revised after breaking up with his defacto partner.

He said a wills register could have saved him thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Julie Height, senior associate of wills and estates at Duncan Basheer

Hannon, said a register would eliminate stress at a traumatic time for families.

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