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### **SENATOR SCULLION TO VISIT THE TORRES STRAIT**

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion, will be visiting the Torres Strait this week for a two day visit.

Senator Scullion will be visiting the Badu community on Monday 7 April.

The Senator will also be attending a Protected Zone Joint Authority (Fisheries) meeting with Senator Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture; Queensland Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, John McVeigh; and Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairperson Mr Joseph Elu on Thursday Island on 9 April.

Mr Elu said Senator Scullion's visit to Badu Island would give him a chance to speak with the community about their aspirations and any concerns they have with life in the region.

"This is a great opportunity for the Senator in his role as Minister for Indigenous Affairs to see things in a remote community first hand," Mr Elu said.

"His presence at the Protected Zone Joint Authority meeting along with Senator Colbeck and Minister McVeigh should also prove invaluable as he will be briefed first hand on the many issues facing fisheries in the Torres Strait."

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