

OLD WHIM CREEK ROAD — PUBLIC ACCESS

1623. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands

Are there any reasons why the public cannot turn off the Old Whim Creek Road and drive along the course of the dry creeks and river beds that cross the Old Whim Creek Road, and use these river courses to drive to the various creek and river mouths in order to continue to gain access to the coastal areas for recreation on the beaches and for fishing on the coast; and

(a) if yes, what are these reasons?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

Yes

(a) The issues raised are legal matters which require detailed legal advice. The issues that have to be considered include the land tenure under the dry river creeks and river beds which may give rights to interest holders of that land tenure, environmental and Aboriginal heritage issues and possible liability issues of the State agreeing to the use of the proposed route. These are issues which can be discussed at the meeting proposed between you and the Department of Regional Development and Lands.