

BURRUP AND MAITLAND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AGREEMENT — LETTER TO MR PETER SHARP

1081. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement Implementation Deed executed by the state, LandCorp and the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi, Yaburara Mardudhunera and the Wong-goo-tt-oo registered native title claimants in 2002, and a letter sent to Mr Peter Sharp, director of parks and visitor services at the Department of Environment and Conservation, dated 13 March 2009 from Thomas Legal.

- (1) On what date was the letter received?
- (2) Will a reply to the letter be forthcoming; and, if so, when?
- (3) Why has it taken so long to respond to the letter?
- (4) Has the department resolved the matters outlined in that letter?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The letter from Thomas Legal dated 13 March 2009 was received by the department on 16 March 2009.
- (2) A reply dated 27 May 2009 from Mr Peter Sharp, director of the parks and visitor services division of DEC, was sent to Thomas Legal on 29 May 2009.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The letter of 27 May 2009 suggests a meeting between DEC, the Office of Native Title, the State Solicitor's Office and Thomas Legal to progress the matters raised. I am advised that the offer to meet has not been accepted by Thomas Legal or Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation. DEC is keen to progress the outcomes of the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement and has continued to seek to meet and continue discussions.
- (5) Not applicable.