

POINT PERON MARINA PROPOSAL — GRACEFUL SUN MOTH

**14. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to planning proposals to develop a marina at Point Peron.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the recent discovery of the graceful sun moth during a survey of the marine site and surrounding Point Peron region?
- (2) What are the impacts on the planning process of the existence of the graceful sun moth, a declared endangered species under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, in the area proposed for the inland marina?
- (3) Does the existence of the graceful sun moth in an area affect proposed land clearing that would destroy the moth's habitat; and, if not, why not?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The referral of the project to the commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities has resulted in the project being deemed a controlled action by that department.
- (3) There is no preclusion of clearing of graceful sun moth habitat in any state or commonwealth policy. An assessment of any impact of clearing on the moth will be undertaken as part of the environmental assessment described above.