

BUNBURY OUTER RING ROAD ROUTE — SOUTHERN SECTION

**788. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the southern section of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project.

- (1) Has the Department of Transport considered an alternative southern route taking off from South Western Highway, joining Fowler Road north of Boyanup and continuing along Railway Road to Capel, rather than the proposed southern BORR route through the already built-up area of Gelorup?
- (2) If yes to (1), what were the findings?
- (3) If no to (1), could it be considered as an alternative to address a long-term outlook for transport in and around Bunbury?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Transport.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The corridor for the southern section is around 10 kilometres long, while the suggested alternative route would be over 25 kilometres long and significantly wider than the existing local road reserves, which it would be required to utilise, including Fowler Road and Railway Road. The suggested alternative would be considerably longer and wider than that proposed in order to maintain local road reserves and property access. This would result in increased environmental impacts, land acquisition and project cost.
- (3) Not applicable.