

JAMES POINT DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT

614. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer the Minister to the EPA Bulletin No 1076 (Assessment #1353) James Point Stage One Port, Kwinana and ask: -

- (a) given the size and complexity of the total James Point development, why is the EPA only assessing this project in stages; and
- (b) what will be the position of the Government if the EPA finds one of the stages unacceptable?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

- (a) The proponent only referred a proposal for Stage 1 of the port for assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).
- (b) If a proposal for a future stage of the port is referred to the EPA and is formally assessed, the Government will consider the report and recommendations of the EPA in making its decision as to whether that proposal may be implemented.