

COASTAL ZONE COUNCIL, INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON

587. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to the Review of the Western Australian Planning Commission Act 1985 and ask -

- (a) is the Minister aware of a submission from the Coastal Planning Coalition (CPC) calling for the appointment of an independent chairperson to the Coastal Zone Council;
- (b) if not, when will the Minister make herself aware of this submission; and
- (c) what is the Minister's response to the submission by the Coastal Planning Coalition?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) N/A
- (c) The matter of chairperson of the Coastal Zone Council was also considered by the Ministerial Taskforce on Structural Arrangements for Coastal Planning and Management. The Taskforce recommendations were open for public submission last year. The Government's response to the Taskforce Report and submissions is expected to be made by the end of April 2003 and a decision on the chairperson of the Coastal Zone Council will be made in that response.