

METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY — 3 OCEANS TWIN TOWERS DEVELOPMENT —
SCARBOROUGH

550. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to reports that the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority has approved the proposed twin high-rise towers 3 Oceans development in Scarborough.

- (1) Was Mr George McCullagh the chair of the MRA last year when it previously considered the 3 Oceans development and rejected it?
- (2) What changes to the design of the proposed development were made in order for the MRA to now approve the development?
- (3) Did Mr McCullagh have any meetings with the Minister for Planning, the Premier or their offices regarding the 3 Oceans development?
- (4) Was Mr McCullagh previously employed by a Labor government in a minister's office?
- (5) If yes to (4) above, which minister or ministers?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) The approved proposal, which is subject to conditions, has made significant revisions, including a 43 and 33-storey twin tower development with a smaller podium, which has achieved design excellence, and will deliver improved local amenity at street level, greater view corridors and public benefits above and beyond the criteria for bonus height. The approved plans made improvements to the proposal from the previous development application, which was refused. In particular, the approved plans have now achieved design excellence, as advised by the design mediation panel; reduced in intensity with respect to gross floor area; reduced the quantum of car parking while still maintaining the provision of public car parking; complied with the Scarborough development policies; and provided multiple community benefits that are nominated within the Scarborough design guidelines.
- (3) The chairman regularly meets with the minister to discuss agency business.
- (4) No.
- (5) Not applicable.