

PERTH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT — INDIGENOUS ISSUES

965. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

I refer to the Perth Waterfront redevelopment project.

- (1) Is the minister aware of advice from the Department of Indigenous Affairs that consulting exclusively with the native title owners and claimants may fail to capture all of the people with cultural knowledge of the area and result in a failure to identify all Aboriginal heritage sites?
- (2) What has the minister done to ensure that all Aboriginal people have a say in the use of land that has significance for them in accordance with traditional use?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) Yes, DIA and the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee recommend wide consultation with Aboriginal people holding cultural knowledge as a common practice.
- (2) The state is currently working with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council to develop a strategy for effective Aboriginal heritage procedures in the metropolitan area, and in addition DIA uses cultural information held by the department to advise on Aboriginal people with potential cultural knowledge of the region.