

NATURE POSITIVE PLAN — COMMONWEALTH REFORM

109. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier

I refer to the Albanese government's proposed nature positive plan which industry has warned will drastically reduce investment and impact other sectors. Given that 70 per cent of Australia's major resources and energy projects are in Western Australia, has the Premier's government requested and seen the full exposure draft so that the potential impact on our state's economy can be appropriately assessed?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I thank the member for the question. It is remarkably similar to the question from the Leader of the Opposition. I wonder whether they talked about this. Do they still talk at all?

Mr J.N. Carey: No. They send emails—lots of emails.

Mr R.H. COOK: Do they sit down at all and say, "I think I might ask this today"? Does the other say, "Great idea! I'll ask the very same question"? What would that question be about? It would be about the federal government. They say, "Should we ask questions of the government about their performance? No. Let's not do that. Let's just continue to ask questions about the federal government." Once again, we see them in this place asking questions about the Albanese government, running up some sort of national media story from the east coast that they might have read.

We continue to engage deeply with the Albanese government in relation to all aspects—not just the nature positive laws, but all aspects—of the work the federal government is doing to reform our economy to make sure that Western Australia can continue to be the engine room of the national economy.