

BUSSELTON - PORT GEOGRAPHE DEVELOPMENT

771. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to the Port Geographe development in Busselton and, in particular, to the government-endorsed seagrass wrack and sand bypassing operation currently underway.

- (1) Can the minister please advise of the legally acceptable noise levels in residential houses immediately adjacent to the pumping operation?
- (2) Have any complaints referred by the Shire of Busselton been received by the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (3) Have any noise monitoring complaints referred by the Shire of Busselton been received by the Department of Environment and Conservation?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment, I provide the following answer -

- (1) The allowable noise levels for residential houses are prescribed by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. The allowable noise levels vary depending on the proximity of the residence to the noise and the duration of the noise.
- (2) No. The Shire of Busselton refers environmental complaints to the Port Geographe consultative committee, which is chaired by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.
- (3) No. The department has not received any noise monitoring complaints that have been referred to it by the Shire of Busselton.