

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — WAVE ENERGY PROJECT —
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

519. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Will the Premier be undertaking an inquiry into the minister's conduct —
Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call you to order for the first time, Minister for Water!

Ms M.J. DAVIES: Will the Premier be undertaking an inquiry into the minister's conduct and perceived conflict of interest to satisfy himself that he has met the rolled-gold standard of transparency and accountability that he came to government professing to make?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Obviously there has been some dirt-digging and muckraking by the National Party. I can see that the Liberal Party is not too engaged in this one, and I think that is very wise on its behalf.

Ms R. Saffioti: They were looking down.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, they are all looking down, which I think is very, very wise on behalf of a couple of members; therefore, I will not mention those issues. However, National Party members have been digging dirt on the much-respected, highly regarded Minister for Regional Development. That is what she is: she is highly regarded as a doer across Western Australia, particularly in the regions. She has had a long interest in renewable energy, going back decades. She has a strong commitment to this state and this country for doing something about climate change, and the National Party is attacking her for giving her small shareholding in this area to the Leprosy Mission! They want me to hold an inquiry into a minister for giving a shareholding prior to being a member of Parliament to the Leprosy Mission! They should be ashamed of themselves.