

ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 8

138. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the government's 2008 election commitment document titled "Transport Policy Platform" in which the Liberal government states that it will provide \$20 million over the next four years to begin construction of the new Roe Highway stage 8 project. Can the minister advise the house on how the government will address the concerns of the Environmental Protection Authority when it has been stated that construction within the alignment for stage 8 of Roe Highway would result in a loss of gradation from wetlands upland vegetation as well as loss in regionally significant vegetation and the construction of Roe Highway stage 8 would also indirectly impact the other wetland areas located outside the alignment through creating a severance in the wetland linkages that occur between Bibra Lake and North Lake, between Roe Swamp and North Lake, as well as the rest of the wetland complex located further to the north.

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I have not seen the question. I am sorry, but it has not actually come to me. I would be happy to answer at the time the question is provided.