

NORTHCLIFFE, TOURISM

**1546. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

- (1) Is the minister aware that the gravel road between Augusta and Walpole, Northcliffe is the only conventional drive vehicle access to Point D'Entrecasteaux and the D'Entrecasteaux National Park?
- (2) Is the minister also aware that due to road safety constraints and lack of suitable signage, Northcliffe is unable to capitalise on local, national and international tourism and that hire cars, caravans and coaches are denied access due to safety and legal constraints?
- (3) What urgent action is the Government taking to make the unsealed roads safe so that Northcliffe can quickly reap the full benefits from tourism now denied entry to this area which is rich in Aboriginal history and unique flora?
- (4) Are there any plans to seal the gravel road; what is the estimated cost and when will that work be completed?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

The Minister for the Environment provides the following response -

- (1) In addition to the road from Northcliffe to Windy Harbour, the road from Crystal Springs to Mandalay Beach also provides two-wheel drive vehicle access to the coast in the D'Entrecasteaux National Park.
- (2)-(4) An answer to these parts of the question can be provided if the honourable member gives the name of the road to which he refers.