

BAY VILLAGE WORKER CAMP — WOODSIDE ENERGY —
JOINT DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL DECISION

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

I refer to the decision by the Kimberley–Pilbara–Gascoyne joint development assessment panel to reject Woodside’s push to allow workers from non-Woodside projects to stay at the Bay Village camp. Was the Premier made aware of Woodside’s plan to allow third party access to the fly in, fly out camp, given that his own media statement from 1 June 2018 stated that the facility would be used by only Woodside employees and contractors; and, if so, when?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Before I answer that question, I acknowledge the member for Southern River and congratulate him and his wife, Catherine, on the birth of a little girl this morning. It is a very happy moment for him and his family. He has two girls. It is a very lucky family.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: What weight?

Mr M. McGOWAN: I do not know the answer to that question. Do members opposite want to put that on notice? Hopefully, I can provide it by the end of question time!

As I understand it, a joint development assessment panel has made a decision today and that decision may well be appealed. I think the appeal period is 28 days or the like under the existing legislation. I will leave to the relevant parties whether they wish to appeal it. My broader view is that I want to see Browse gas come onshore. I have said that from the very beginning. I note some commentary this morning by the former Premier, Colin Barnett, that Browse gas should somehow now go to Port Hedland. I know that the Liberal Party and the National Party made a mess of it when they were in government, with what they did at James Price Point. They lost the state \$100 million and lost the project for the state. We want to remove every hurdle to that gas coming to Karratha where it should, and make sure that Karratha has a long-term future. That is the entire point of our strategy here. I will work with whomever I am required to work with to make sure that that gas is not lost to floating LNG, is not lost to the Northern Territory, and is not lost from Western Australia. I note that Mr Barnett has a view different from mine. This is his second or third position on this. My position is very clear. It needs to come and backfill the North West Shelf so that the community of Karratha has a long-term future, and we get those jobs into Western Australia as soon as possible.