

SWAN RIVER — SPEED LIMITS

213. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Does the minister support the reduction of speed limits on the Swan River to five or six knots, to reduce the potential for erosion?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), has the minister spoken to the Minister for Transport about amending the speed limits prior to the 2010–11 boating season?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the honourable member for her question.

- (1)–(3) This is an issue that has been worked on quite comprehensively and cooperatively by the Swan River Trust and the Department of Transport. They have undertaken a number of studies on this. It is clear that boat wash can cause significant erosion issues. I am certainly keen to see whether there is a need to reduce boat speeds, and that is being looked at in an appropriate way by the Swan River Trust and the Department of Transport. When I have received their advice, following all their consultations, I am quite sure that the Minister for Transport and I will discuss the matter.