

COASTAL MARINE FACILITIES - GEOGRAPHE BAY

402. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to the coastal marine facilities for Geographe Bay between Cape Naturaliste and Toby's Inlet.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the lack of suitable boat ramps in this area?
- (2) Is the minister aware of the lack of associated on-shore facilities such as toilets and adequate parking at the Quindalup and old Dunsborough boat ramps and the mooring area at Quindalup, which leads to considerable friction with the community, particularly at peak holiday periods?
- (3) What actions are being considered in relation to the following to address this situation -
 - (a) boat ramps;
 - (b) on-shore facilities;
 - (c) jetties; and
 - (d) marinas?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) Responsibility for the provision of boat ramps, jetties, marinas and on-shore facilities has traditionally rested with the relevant local government. The state government provides funding assistance through the recreational boating facilities scheme to undertake feasibility studies and to assist with the provision of facilities. The Shire of Busselton had RBFS grant funding approved under round 10 last year to undertake a boating facility feasibility study for the Quindalup-Dunsborough area.
- (3) The Department for Planning and Infrastructure is currently undertaking an audit of recreational boating facilities, including boat ramps, between Wonnerup, near Port Geographe, and Yallingup. The DPI will also review the findings of the feasibility study undertaken by the Shire of Busselton to ascertain boating infrastructure needs. The minister encourages the local authorities of the area to apply for infrastructure funding under the recreational boating facilities scheme.