

*INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF WA ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL
PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES — RELEASE*

39. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the government's response to my question yesterday regarding the Vogel–McFerran review of the processes and procedures of the Environmental Protection Authority, the full report of which has not been released despite several freedom of information requests. The government replied that the full report was cabinet-in-confidence.

- (1) Are there any plans to release the full report?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) If not, how does the government expect the people of Western Australia to accept that changes to the operations of the EPA are in the interests of both the economy and the environment if they are not party to the analysis behind them?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1)–(3) The government's proposed reforms will continue to ensure the highest levels of protection for WA's unique environment. Further consultation with industry and conservation groups will be undertaken as part of the reforms.