

DENMARK EAST DEVELOPMENT PRECINCT PROJECT

1124. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the community consultation and information session on the East River Road extension, western precinct, Denmark River Bridge project that will be hosted by the Shire of Denmark on 25 October 2016.

- (1) Is the minister aware of concerns that the information session has been scheduled eight days after the opening of the public comment period on the proposed options for the Denmark River Bridge crossing point, effectively cutting short the comment period, which closes on 14 November 2016?
- (2) Given that the community information session is specifically intended to inform people about the importance of the project to Denmark's future, with shire representatives, LandCorp and consultants in attendance to answer questions and concerns, does the minister share these concerns?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the minister ask the council to extend the public submission period to 30 November 2016 to provide for the normal six-week response period that communities expect when significant developments are under consideration?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The minister is confident the council will ensure that there is ample opportunity for the community to provide input; for example, via the shire's website, which has included information about this matter since the commencement of the public comment period.
- (3) This is a matter for the Shire of Denmark.
- (4) Not applicable.