

LANDCORP DEVELOPMENT — GRACETOWN

406. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Is the minister aware of the anger and upset caused by the Liberal–National government’s decision to approve a 140-lot LandCorp development at Gracetown?
- (2) Will she revisit the decision in light of the community’s unmet concerns about the treatment of wastewater and about a fire management plan?
- (3) If so, when does she plan to visit Gracetown to consult with the local community?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) I am aware that issues were raised by some members of the public during the public submission period for the Gracetown scheme amendment and structure plan. I am also aware that the previous Minister for Planning gave detailed consideration to these submissions and the issues when granting final approval to the scheme amendment.
- (2) The Planning and Development Act 2005 does not make provision for decisions on scheme amendments to be changed. However, I understand that issues relating to fire management have been addressed by the preparation and approval of a fire management plan, which occurred in consultation with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

In response to community concerns, alternative water and wastewater servicing arrangements have been proposed by LandCorp. These servicing arrangements have been supported given that connection to proposed services by existing residents will be on a voluntary basis and such services will be regulated through the Environmental Protection Authority and Economic Regulation Authority. The previous Minister for Planning gave detailed consideration to these matters; therefore the decision does not require revisiting. It is also expected that LandCorp will continue to engage with the local community as the project progresses.

- (3)–(4) As noted in the response to (2), the Planning and Development Act 2005 does not make provision for decisions on scheme amendments to be changed. However, as part of the normal planning processes, consultation with the local community has occurred through the formal submission period on the scheme amendment and structure plan prior to the decision being made by the previous minister.