

BAY VILLAGE WORKER CAMP — WOODSIDE ENERGY — KARRATHA

356. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I refer to the Premier's media statement dated 1 June stating that the new Bay Village fly in, fly out in Karratha will "house workers during upgrade works at the Karratha gas plant, expansion of the Pluto plant, and during construction phases at the proposed Scarborough and Browse developments".

- (1) Has the Premier sought a guarantee or assurance from Woodside that only construction workers associated with the projects listed will reside in the new camp?
- (2) What provisions or regulations will be in place to ensure Woodside does not pull operational staff out of other existing camps and put them into Bay Village?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(2) Woodside is going to expand the number of people living locally. Woodside is going to put more people into houses in Karratha that it currently owns. That is part of the deal. The Leader of the Nationals WA does not seem to get it. The National Party is always trying to stop jobs for people in the north; it is always trying to stop them. The only way the National Party thinks jobs are created is by putting them on the government credit card. That is the National Party's record, that is what it did last time it was in government and that is why the state now is in the position it is in, which we have to fix. We are working hard with Woodside to secure more local employment, as I just said, with the local portal. We have more people going into Woodside houses in Karratha, if the Leader of the National Party reads the press release and the material that was presented, and we need to enter these negotiations so that we can bring the Browse and Scarborough projects onshore. The alternative is that they are either sent to the Northern Territory or they are processed offshore. They are the alternatives.

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party!

Mr M. McGOWAN: The other alternative —

Ms M.J. Davies: You're going to send the local businesses up there broke.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Just listen to this.

The other alternative is —

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: The other alternative is that Woodside owns land further out of town and Woodside can put the camp there if it wants; it has approval on another site further out of town. As part of this arrangement, we have secured that the local content —

Ms M.J. Davies: Would you approve that?

Mr W.J. Johnston: You did.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, you did!

The local content —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, you have got a wall of noise. You asked a question, Leader of the National Party, and the Premier is answering it.

Mr M. McGOWAN: We also have agreement of over 85 per cent local jobs in construction and management of the Bay Village facility. The easy thing for me to have done was to scream from the rooftops like the Leader of the Nationals WA did. Just go out there and yell, "This is no good. We won't have this; we don't want it." The ultimate outcome of that is that Browse gas does not come onshore, Scarborough gas does not come onshore and local people lose jobs to the Northern Territory or to offshore processing facilities. That is what the member would have achieved.