

FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK — HOPETOUN-BREMER BAY ROAD

216. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Did the Premier consult the minister before he announced his decision to build a road from Hopetoun to Bremer Bay that would cut through the Fitzgerald River National Park?
- (2) If so, what information did the minister provide to the Premier about the international biodiversity significance of the Fitzgerald River National Park?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(2) The Premier did not speak to me before he made that announcement; however, in-principle support has been given for the development of the road. I have been asked to look at the environmental aspects of the road being built, and that is what I am doing.