

BAY VILLAGE WORKER CAMP — WOODSIDE ENERGY —  
JOINT DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL DECISION

**992. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's answer in question time on 9 October, in which he stated that his government would not intervene in the appeal process for the Bay Village FIFO camp in Karratha, because it would be "verging on improper".

Is the Premier aware that his Minister for Planning has used her powers under the Planning and Development Act to call in the appeal currently before the independent State Administrative Tribunal; and, if so, what role, if any, did the Premier or his office play in this decision?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I totally support the minister's decision.

**Ms M.J. Davies:** It is not improper?

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The Leader of the Nationals WA asked the question. I discussed it with the minister; I totally support her decision.

**Mr R.S. Love** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Moore!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The minister acted in accordance with the law. Her powers as Minister for Planning allow her to do this. She waited until the last moment. I met with the council on the day that I opened Karratha Health Campus. I said to the council that it needs to reach an agreement with Woodside because we need to ensure that Browse gas is processed in Karratha. I explained that to Chris Adams and the deputy mayor. I explained it to them in person, with other people present. The process went along and the council did not reach an agreement with Woodside, despite the fact that Woodside compromised very significantly along the way and came up with what I thought were some pretty reasonable compromises to meet the council's demands. The minister, in accordance with her powers under the act, called it in. Out of politeness, the minister's office called the council to inform it. The chief executive officer of that council then verbally abused and swore at staff members in the minister's office in the most profane of ways—in a disgraceful manner.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The minister and her office were polite, and providing timely advice to the council about what was occurring resulted in that outcome by that chief executive officer. When I was advised of what he had to say to a ministerial staffer, I thought it was quite disgraceful.