

COASTAL PLANNING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

586. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to the Report of the Ministerial Taskforce: Review of the Structural Arrangements for Coastal Planning and Management in Western Australia, and ask -

- (a) will the Minister confirm her statement that 'community involvement is the key priority for coastal planning';
- (b) does the Minister agree with the Coastal Planning Coalition that without substantial reform of the existing structure of planning in Western Australia, community involvement would only be tokenistic;
- (c) does the Minister intend to increase community involvement in the planning process in Western Australia; and
- (d) if yes, how will this be achieved?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- a) Yes
- b) It is an objective of the Gallop Government to increase the openness of government and promote active citizenship by encouraging best practice community consultation processes. A Citizens and Civics Unit has been established to work towards this aim. The Department for Planning and Infrastructure has taken a leadership role implementing innovative best practice consultation processes. These have involved Citizens' Juries, Consensus Forums, Deliberative Surveys and Multi Criteria Analysis Conferences. As best practice methodologies are piloted and improved, they are being integrated into the planning process, reforming through gradual, continuous improvement.
- c) Yes
- d) See b) above