

AUSTIN BAY NATURE RESERVE — SPEED LIMIT BUOYS

2369. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Austin Bay Nature Reserve in the Peel Region. I understand the Minister's Department has given an undertaking to position in Austin Bay indicator buoys highlighting that the area is subject to 5 Knot speed limits. In relation to this, I ask:

- (a) when will these buoys be in place; and
- (b) how will this restriction be advertised?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (a) The Department of Parks and Wildlife intends to delineate the in-water boundary of the Austin Bay Nature Reserve, and highlight that this area is subject to a five knot speed limit, prior to 30 September 2014. This will be dependent on weather.
- (b) The new speed restrictions were gazetted in the *Western Australian Government Gazette* on 3 December 2013 following the recent Peel Aquatic Use Review undertaken by the Department of Transport. Advertising and enforcement of these speed restrictions is the responsibility of the Department of Transport and a range of user education initiatives including brochures and signs have been put in place.