

YARRAGADEE AQUIFER - PLANS FOR WATER EXTRACTION

89. Dr S.C. THOMAS to the Minister for the Environment:

I ask a supplementary question. How can the community have faith in the minister's ability to protect the environment if he cannot answer the question?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Clearly, the member for Capel lacks an understanding of the process. Having taken over the portfolios of the environment and climate change, I will ensure that due process is followed. Part of that due process is to ensure that the independent Appeals Convener has an opportunity to present an independent assessment of the proposal. It would be inappropriate to second-guess the independent Appeals Convener's report before I have read it and made a determination.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call the members for Cottesloe, Vasse and Roe to order.