

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — ONE MILE JETTY

1503. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the 17 July 2023 media statement titled ‘Restoration works confirmed for One Mile Jetty’ which announced that the State Government, through the Department of Transport, will restore up to 150 metres of Carnarvon’s historic One Mile Jetty for pedestrian access, and I ask:

- (a) why was the Carnarvon Heritage Group’s (CHG) proposal to refurbish the One Mile Jetty, which was developed using the wide range of expertise contained with the CHG membership and the Carnarvon community; the same data and professional engineering advice to inform methodology and costings that was available to the Department of Transport; and which would provide an 800 metre jetty to the beach as opposed to a 150 metre jetty to nowhere, overlooked in preference for the Department of Transport’s delivery of the project;
- (b) noting that the CHG secured written support from local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and the Shire of Carnarvon for their delivery of the refurbishment project, how is the Department of Transport’s delivery of the project expected to cultivate greater levels of community support and deliver better outcomes for the Carnarvon community than the CHG’s delivery of the project; and
- (c) why is the Carnarvon community required to suffer through an additional 2 year wait for the Department of Transport to commence the project in 2025, when the CHG proposal, which has already been widely consulted with and supported by the community, could have seen the project commence immediately?

Hon Kyle McGinn replied:

The Minister for Transport and the Minister for Regional Development have agreed to a joint delivery model of the One Mile Jetty project, to be undertaken in consultation with the Carnarvon Heritage Group (CHG).

The decision was based on the Department of Transport’s (DoT) expertise in the delivery of maritime infrastructure projects and their skill set in managing large complex projects and access to the necessary multiple contract management systems.

The DoT project methodology was also considered likely to result in reduced maintenance costs for the community, as more of the structure will be replaced with new material.

The State recognises the significant level of community support for the project, including Traditional Owner support, and notes further consultation proposed by DoT will be undertaken in collaboration with members of the CHG and Gascoyne Development Commission.

Regardless of the entity undertaking the project, its commencement is dependent on the completion of environmental approvals, heritage approvals and procurement of suitable timbers.