

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT — TIER 1 ACTIVITIES

**644. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:**

I refer to the Aboriginal cultural heritage code, which states that a tier 1 activity includes —

Removing litter from a waterway or coastal waters in a way that does not involve disturbance to the bed or banks of the waterway or coastal waters beyond that which was caused by leaving the litter.

- (1) Does this mean that anyone removing litter from a waterway or coastal waters cannot do so without a tier 2 permit if that litter is partially covered by sediment or sand?
- (2) If yes to (1), would a community group, such as Keep Australia Beautiful WA, be able to apply for a single permit for activities or would individuals have to seek individual permits?
- (3) If yes to (2), has the minister consulted with all community groups involved in removing litter from our community?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) A person is able to pick up litter off the ground without needing a permit. It is open to organisations or individuals to apply for permits or management plans.