

FREMANTLE EASTERN BYPASS MASTER PLAN

507. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Fremantle eastern bypass master plan been released; and, if not, when is it due for release?
- (2) When is construction of the proposed Fremantle eastern bypass due to commence, and why is the environmental review being released now?
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 - (a) Why did all stakeholders not receive a copy of the full Fremantle eastern bypass environmental report, as is the usual practice?
 - (b) Will the minister restart the environmental review period when all stakeholders finally receive a copy of the full report?
- (4) Is Main Roads Western Australia proposing to carry out a cut and cover trench through Clontarf Hill as part of the Fremantle bypass; and, if yes, why are Main Roads' environmental review advertisements claiming it to be a tunnel?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Fremantle eastern bypass master plan is due for release in mid 2001.
- (2) In the current state road program, the award of the contract for the Fremantle eastern bypass is scheduled for mid 2003. The Clontarf Hill environmental review was released in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority's requirements.
- (3)
 - (a) On Friday 17 November Main Roads mailed copies of the Clontarf Hill November 2000 report to all stakeholders on the free list supplied by the Department of Environmental Protection. All other stakeholders were advised by advertisements where to view the report at libraries and to purchase copies from Main Roads.
 - (b) No. The public review period was determined by the EPA and is considered to be sufficient time.
- (4) Main Roads is planning to create a tunnel by cutting the road through the hill and over the top of the hill, and reforming and landscaping the hill.