

LEIGHTON BEACH REDEVELOPMENT, DRAFT PLANNING GUIDELINES

59. Ms MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the minister's admission during the budget estimates committee hearings that the draft planning guidelines for the Leighton Beach redevelopment will not be released until September or October and will not be finalised until February 2001 at the earliest, and ask -

- (1) Is it not true that the minister's department advised him that the process could be completed much earlier?
- (2) Does the minister acknowledge that the current timetable means that the matter is unlikely to be finalised before the next election?
- (3) Is this delay designed to keep open the wound and cause political difficulties for the minister's leadership rival, the member for Cottesloe?

Mr KIERATH replied:

- (1)-(3) I am trying to think of something witty to say in reply to the member for Armadale, but she leaves me speechless.

We on this side of the House do not make decisions on the basis of political favours to mates. The member for Armadale is trying to judge us by her own standards. I cannot help it if, after all this time in opposition, the Labor Party has not understood that it must have proper standards in place if it ever hopes to win government.

I have outlined a time frame for the Leighton Beach proposal and that is on track. I do not see any reason for the redevelopment to be set back or brought forward by any significant amount of time. The Government will soon release some information on those guidelines. The member acknowledged they would be released in September which, as it is mid-August, is only a couple of weeks away. I am sure that everyone interested in the Leighton Beach redevelopment will like the information that is released.