

BGC (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD, INDUSTRIAL SITES DEVELOPMENT

**125. Ms MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Planning:**

- (1) Is the minister aware that BGC (Australia) Pty Ltd has now developed at least seven separate industrial sites in Hazelmere without planning approval, including a blokpave factory; a plant and machinery sales office and display yard; a precast concrete beam manufacturing plant; an office building; storage bins; and a major landfill site?
- (2) Is the minister aware that the City of Swan is reluctant to prosecute these flagrant breaches of the law because of a fear of the massive legal costs likely to arise, given the litigious nature and massive resources of BGC?
- (3) Given this and that local authorities are only delegates of the State Government in planning matters, will the minister consider providing financial assistance to the City of Swan to restore the rule of law to planning matters in this State?

**Mr KIERATH replied:**

- (1)-(3) The Leader of the Opposition has a problem with this member as spokesperson on planning matters. One of the most basic aspects of planning legislation is that enforcement of town planning schemes lies in the hands of the local authorities - in this case, the City of Swan. Am I aware that BGC does not have planning approval? No, I am not.

Ms MacTiernan: How could you not be aware when he is your mate and you are hearing appeals about it?

Mr KIERATH: I am not aware of any reluctance to prosecute on the part of the City of Swan. The city is the sole party to take action to enforce the town planning scheme. The member should go back to school to find out what planning is all about.