

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT

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

I refer to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's map viewer that will be used to help landowners ascertain whether they have Aboriginal cultural heritage on their land as part of the implementation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act from 1 July.

- (1) Will the map viewer be freely available to all landowners after 1 July?
 - (a) If no, what will the fee be per access, and will an annual subscription be available?
- (2) Can landowners be assured that if no ACH is identified on the map viewer, that no ACH exists?
- (3) Will the lack of a site on the map viewer provide legal protection against prosecution for not applying for a tier 2 permit?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) Not applicable.
- (2)–(3) No. All land users should understand their obligations under the new act.