

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, NEW BUILDING

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MR JOHNSON (Hillarys) [12.58 pm]: I want to remind the Premier of the promise that he made during the election campaign to people in my electorate that he would not allow the development of a new Department of Fisheries building at Hillarys Boat Harbour, which will take some 1.2 hectares of land from the car parking area, to go ahead without a true and proper evaluation of the problem with the car parking facilities in that area. However, the Premier has not done that. He has simply announced, with all the usual fluff and bubble, that that building will go ahead. The people in my electorate, particularly the people who run the businesses on Sorrento Quay at Hillarys Boat Harbour, are very concerned about this matter and are getting up a petition that will be presented to this House. They are concerned about the desperate situation with car parking and access to and egress from Hillarys marina. I remind the Premier of that election promise. The Premier said also that he would spend \$250 000 this year and \$250 000 next year to ease the car parking problem. Not one cent has been spent, and I wonder whether any money will be spent before the end of this financial year. Notwithstanding the financial contribution that the Premier said the Government would make, the biggest problem is that 1.2 hectares of land that could have eased the car parking problem is to be given to a fisheries building that no-one in my electorate wants.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm