

CARPENTER GOVERNMENT - ELECTION POLICIES

**114. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:**

I ask a supplementary question. What has changed under the National Water Initiative?

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:**

At the time Dr Gallop declined to sign the initiative, he made the observation that the whole initiative at that stage was focused on the Murray-Darling basin; there was nothing in it for Western Australia. That was the circumstance that applied then. There was nothing in it for Western Australia. The commonwealth has now made its position clear on the initiatives that we have subsequently decided to undertake. We were establishing our own priorities at the time -

**Mr T.R. Buswell** interjected.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Did I hear the member for Vasse speak?

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Did the member for Vasse speak? The member for Vasse - the man of character in this Parliament! What is the latest manifestation of the man of character's true qualities? The member for Vasse has heard that the member for Armadale has stood up to the thuggery of the former East Fremantle full-back, and he has run to the reporters from *The West Australian* to tell them that the member for Murdoch is being threatened by the member for Armadale! The poor old member for Murdoch, all 20 stone of him, is being threatened by the member for Armadale, so the member for Vasse has run as fast as he could to the reporters from *The West Australian* to tell them about; or perhaps - who knows, given his form - he was sticking the knife into the back of the member for Murdoch! Perhaps that is what he was doing!