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244. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Will the government investigate both of the proposals that I mentioned?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

Let me ask this question - I think I have answered the Wellington Dam aspect: is the Leader of the Opposition suggesting that if he was in government, he would be pursuing a dam on the Brunswick River?

Mr P.D. Omodei: The person who has made the proposal has written to your minister and asked for a licence to take water from the Brunswick River and for an environmental impact study. Will you investigate it?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: This is very interesting.

Mr P.D. Omodei: I am not saying whether I am supporting it or not; I am asking: will you investigate it?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: I think the good citizens of the south west would be very interested to know that the Leader of the Opposition is extremely interested in damming the Brunswick River. What about the Denmark River? Is he going to dam that as well?

Mr P.D. Omodei: There is a dam site on the Denmark. There is a dam site on the Warren. There is a dam site on the Donnelly. There is a dam site on the Barlee. Will you investigate them? Your departments have been investigating a dam on the Barlee and the Warren.

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: The Leader of the Opposition is asking whether I am going to investigate it. It sounds to me as though the Leader of the Opposition is digging himself -

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: It is probable that this type of behaviour would not be allowed at Guildford Grammar School. I fear the Leader of the Opposition is digging himself a watery grave by promoting a series of more dams on Western Australia's rivers, including those in the south west. The days of damming rivers in the south west are, I fear, over.