

WHICHER SCARP — ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY REPORT

**222. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Environment.**

- (1) Has the minister endorsed all the recommendations of Environmental Protection Authority report 1383 regarding a mineral sands application on Whicher Scarp?
- (2) Does the government support the EPA's recommendation that in view of the highly significant environmental values of Whicher Scarp, the EPA is unlikely to support any further development of Whicher Scarp?
- (3) What certainty can the minister provide to the other 49 tenement stakeholders that their applications for environmental assessment will be considered individually and regardless of the EPA's blanket sterilisation of mining in this area?

**Mr W.R. MARMION replied:**

I thank the member for Collie–Preston for the question.

- (1)–(3) The EPA ruling on this matter is with me. My understanding is that it is under appeal, and I do not wish to make any comment until I have made a determination on that appeal.