

SMITHS BEACH — DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

762. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Smiths Beach development, open for public comment to 8 September in the state development assessment unit process, and note that the Environmental Protection Authority has received 237 submissions in its stage 2 assessment process.

- (1) Given the concurrent processes of public consultation and assessment, has the EPA or the Minister for Environment provided any feedback about the timing of the assessment by the SDAU?
- (2) When will the EPA assessment be completed?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) As a matter of public record, the Environmental Protection Authority received 2 371, not 237, submissions on the Smiths Beach referral during public consultation undertaken in May 2022. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is working with the state development assessment unit to avoid overlap of public consultation on the two individual assessment processes.
- (2) The proponent is in the process of preparing documentation required for further public review and assessment. Once these processes are complete, the Environmental Protection Authority will prepare its assessment report to the Minister for Environment.