

TIDAL POWER PROJECT, MINISTER'S SUPPORT

71. Dr GALLOP to the Minister assisting the Treasurer:

I ask a supplementary question. Can the minister assure the House that his reported support for tidal power is genuine and not merely another cynical attempt to unseat his rival, the Minister for Energy?

Mr KIERATH replied:

That question hardly deserves an answer. My support is sincere. Of course, as the minister concerned, that is not the only consideration; if it were the only consideration, that decision would have been made already. There are other considerations, and, as a Government, we take our responsibilities seriously and do need to take in those other considerations; and, if that is the best option, we will support it.

Dr Gallop: You went up there to have a look. That means you do not trust the advice that he gave you.

Mr KIERATH: I do trust the advice of the Minister for Energy.