

GERALDTON MARINE SERVICES PRECINCT

800. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for the Midwest and Wheatbelt:

Geraldton is in urgent need of a marine services precinct and associated 200-tonne boat lifter to support its marine industry. The federal government has now committed \$1.078 million and a local industry consortium has agreed to contribute \$500 000. When will the state government make a commitment to contribute \$1.5 million so that this project can go ahead?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Murray Criddle for this very important question.

The government is well aware of the significant contribution of this project to the Geraldton and mid-west community, and that is reflected by its very broad support for the project. The state government will shortly consider a formal request for the state to contribute \$1.5 million to the project.