

CHARLES STREET PLANNING STUDY

**1303. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the suspension of consultation on the Charles Street upgrade.

- (1) Does the decision to suspend the consultation delay the important transport project in any way?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many months' delay is anticipated?
- (3) Does the minister still retain confidence in Main Roads to undertake such an important urban planning study and community consultation process?
- (4) Why did the minister not involve the Western Australian Planning Commission earlier in the process of engaging the community?
- (5) Has the minister sidelined the WAPC in the process of strategic land use planning and public consultation?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(5) The Charles Street planning study was to inform a future project. That project was not anticipated to be delivered for at least 10 years. There is an existing planning control area over Charles Street, and that will remain.

In relation to the Western Australian Planning Commission, the member should know that Main Roads undertakes a planning study that then would inform changes to planning control areas or reservations. These planning tools are controlled by the WAPC.