

TOWN PLANNING SCHEMES, DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

472. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Keating Report, *Review of the Project Development Approvals System*, made a recommendation that development approvals under Town Planning Schemes should not cover environmental aspects of projects that have been through the formal assessment process under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?
- (2) Does the Minister support this recommendation?
- (3) Did the Minister make a submission to this Committee?
- (4) If so, what comments were made on this issue?
- (5) Did the Department of Local Government make a submission to the Keating Committee?
- (6) If so, will the Minister table that submission?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) I am now aware of the Keating Report, although I was not aware prior to this question.
- (2) I am informed by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development that the recommendation to which you refer is contained in what is an Interim Report and that the proposals put forward in the Report are intended to generate discussion and comment and have in no way been committed to. The recommendation relates to enhancing the existing project approvals system specifically in regard to the removal of overlap and duplication. I would be happy to raise any specific written concerns that the member has with this recommendation with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Minister for the Environment.
- (3) No
- (4) N/A
- (5) Yes
- (6) Yes. [See tabled paper No 1341.]