

NILGEN RESERVE, ROAD ALIGNMENT

65. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the proposed road through the Nilgen Reserve near Lancelin?
- (2) Has the Minister been approached by residents in the area with an alternative road alignment which will not impact on the ecological values of the nature reserve?
- (3) If yes, what steps has the Minister taken to have the alignment assessed or included in road alignment options for the area?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes. A proposal by Main Roads Western Australia to construct a road through the Nilgen Nature Reserve is currently being assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) at the level of Public Environmental Review.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Main Roads PER indicates the alternative alignments were considered in its selection of a preferred alignment. Main Roads' has referred its preferred alignment to the EPA for assessment of its environmental acceptability. The EPA will make its recommendation to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, at the conclusion of its assessment.