

MEMBER FOR VASSE - COMMENTS ABOUT SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENT

**433. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for South West:**

What is the minister's response to the latest comments from the member for Vasse about a proposed development in the south west?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I thank the member for Collie-Wellington for the question. He is indeed the best member of Parliament from the south west in the Parliament.

It was interesting to watch *Stateline* on Friday night and see the member for Vasse. He had a few things to say about the Smiths Beach proposal in his electorate at Vasse. He said that there were some concerns about the Busselton council dealing with the Smiths Beach development proposal. He said that the community has lost confidence in the council and that it should not be deciding on the Smiths Beach proposal. He said -

The CCC has cast serious doubts over the links between Smiths Beach and the Shire of Busselton. And there is a real concern that until that report is brought down and the air is cleared, the council are put in a very difficult position.

Does the member for Vasse think that we have not heard all the evidence that was presented to the CCC? Does he think it is year zero and he is some sort of independent observer of these matters? Does he think that we have not actually observed what took place? We saw what happened there last year.

**Mr T. Buswell** interjected.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The member for Vasse was enlisted by Noel Crichton-Browne to give him some names of councillors so that he could stack the council to support his client, the developer. That is exactly what the member for Vasse did; he gave three names to Noel Crichton-Browne so that they could be injected into the council on Noel's behalf to support that development.

**Mr T. Buswell** interjected.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The member for Vasse was up to his neck in it and he went onto *Stateline* acting holier than thou, saying that what was going on down there was terrible, as though we did not see what happened late last year. The member for Vasse's hide knows no bounds, his audacity is beyond anything any of us have ever seen before and his hypocrisy is beyond belief.