Extract from Hansard

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ROE HIGHWAY, STAGE 8, ROUTE

- 1235. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Does the Minister intend to build Stage 8 of the Roe Highway through the Beeliar Regional Park between North and Bibra Lakes as requested by the Opposition?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Roe Highway Stage 8 is planned to dissect a highly significant Aboriginal mythological site near North Lake?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that many local residents and the local Councils in Cockburn and Fremantle are strongly opposed to Stage 8 of the Roe Highway along this or any other route?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the EPA has recommended against constructing Stage 8 of the Roe Highway through the Beeliar wetlands?
- (5) Will the Minister therefore take action to urgently delete Stage 8 of the Roe Highway from the Metropolitan Region Scheme?
- (6) If not, why not?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) No.
- (6) The Government is moving to delete the Fremantle Eastern Bypass from the Metropolitan Regional Scheme in line with its election commitment. No action has been taken in respect of Roe Highway Stage 8. The Federal Government will withdraw funding for Roe Highway Stage 6 and 7 if we proceed with removing the reserve at this stage. The completion of Stage 6 and 7 Roe Highway to the Kwinana Freeway is an important component of providing a sustainable strategy for the management of freight transport.