

MOORE RIVER DEVELOPMENT

537. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Is the minister aware of the alarm being raised within the community because of the decision to go ahead with the Moore River development?
- (2) Further, is the minister aware of the substantive discrepancies between the facts as presented by him to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs and those presented by the Friends of Moore River Estuary?
- (3) What recourse do the Friends of Moore River Estuary have to appeal the minister's decision?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

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

- (1) Yes, the views of the Friends of Moore River Estuary are well known to the Minister for Planning. However, the decision to support the existing zoning of the land has been well received by the Shire of Gingin.
- (2) Yes. The Friends of Moore River Estuary wrote and advised the Minister for Planning of their views on 5 August 2010.
- (3) The land has been zoned for urban development since 1995. The decision to support the existing zoning of the site was made by cabinet. There are no appeal rights regarding cabinet decisions. The next step in the process is for the Moore River Company to submit a revised outline development plan to the Shire of Gingin. This plan will be advertised publicly, providing the community with an opportunity to comment.