

PEEL INLET AND DAWESVILLE CHANNEL — AIRBOATS

60. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) Is the minister aware of the concern being expressed about the activities of airboats on the waterways around the Peel Inlet and Dawesville Channel?
- (2) Is the minister confident that uncontrolled use of these vessels will not have an impact on the erosion of the foreshore reserves around Peel and the habitats of the birdlife, which are such a valued aspect of the Peel–Harvey system?
- (3) If so, what is the basis for that confidence?
- (4) If not, will the minister act to ban or restrict the use of these vessels in this environmentally sensitive waterway, and when will the bans or restrictions come into effect?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for the question. I am advised that the matter raised by the honourable member relates to several portfolios. Providing the information in the time required is not possible and I request the honourable member to place the question on notice.