

METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY —  
3 OCEANS TWIN TOWERS DEVELOPMENT — SCARBOROUGH

**1310. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to question without notice 1085 that I asked the minister on Tuesday, 6 November this year, regarding the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority's decision to approve the 3 Oceans development in Scarborough.

- (1) Is the MRA restricted or limited in the level of discretion it can apply when approving applications that exceed a zoned planning area's maximum height allowances; and, if so, to what extent are they restricted; and, if not, why not?
- (2) The answer provided by the minister on 6 November stated that the 3 Oceans proposal did not meet the basic criteria required in the areas of building height, setback, tower separation and street activation not being met. If these basic criteria, which are required to be met for a development of any size under the MRA's own guidelines, were not met, why was the development still approved?
- (3) What justification or rationale has the MRA offered for its decision to overlook the 80 per cent rate of negative public deputations it received for the 3 Oceans proposal via public submissions to the Scarborough Land Redevelopment Committee?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) Discretion is available to the MRA under the provisions of the respective planning frameworks and has been used to approve various developments in other redevelopment areas such as Elizabeth Quay and Perth City Link.
- (3) The MRA received a total of 1 445 submissions during the public consultation period for the 3 Oceans proposal, including 794 submissions, or 54.9 per cent, in support; 636 submissions, or 44 per cent, not in support; and 14 submissions, or one per cent, neutral. Although some of these submitters also took the opportunity to make a deputation to the Scarborough Land Redevelopment Committee meeting, the MRA had regard for all submissions received from the public and key stakeholders.