

BURRUP PENINSULA AND DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO - DEVELOPMENT

1264. Hon GIZ WATSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

Regarding the potential development on the Dampier Archipelago or Burrup Peninsula since May 2007, I ask -

- (1) Has any advice or requirement been given to any proponents or consultants other than Woodside Petroleum in relation to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 for potential development in the area?
- (2) If yes to (1), which proponents and consultants have been provided with advice or requirements?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank Hon Giz Watson for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Environmental Protection Agency released its report and recommendations, bulletin 1265, in October 2007, on Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd's proposed "Dampier Port Increase in Throughput to 145 Mtpa". This report included recommendations the proponents will be required to meet if the proposal is allowed to proceed. The EPA has also held discussions with Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd in relation to understanding future proposals that Hamersley is currently formulating but which have yet to be referred. There have been no other referrals or levels of assessment set for proposals in the Dampier Archipelago or on the Burrup Peninsula since May 2007.