

ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 8 EXTENSION — JUDICIAL REVIEW

**745. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the proposed stage 8 extension of Roe Highway from Kwinana Freeway to Stock Road through the Beeliar Regional Park and the judicial review of the Minister for Environment's approval of this project.

- (1) Does the Minister for Transport intend to let contracts for this project while this judicial review is pending?
- (2) If yes to (1), and the review is successful, what would be the cost to the state if those contracts had to be cancelled?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

(1)–(2) The first thing is that the highway does not go through the Beeliar Regional Park. We need to deal with a few myths about this project, because members opposite continue to spread misinformation about it. This has been a long-planned project, but some people might not be aware that we have redirected the route north to avoid the major lake, Dog Swamp and a couple of others.

**Mr C.J. Tallentire:** Only 90 hectares of destruction.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Again, another piece of misinformation. Keep spreading the lies.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** The minister has been asked a question, and he will provide a concise answer. I do not want the shouting across the chamber, thank you.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** This is a great project for Western Australia. Environmentally, it is sound. We actually remove huge amounts of carbon emissions, and we are putting in an environmental offset. The amount of land that is affected is about six hectares of wetlands and 30 hectares of intact vegetation. The rest is degraded vegetation. Someone needs to go and have a look. It is actually underneath the high-voltage powerlines. We are talking about close to 500 hectares of offset on the coastal plain, which will be set up as a Bush Forever site. From an environmental perspective, this project has been very responsible. Tenders have closed and we are moving towards contracts towards the end of October.