

WOODSIDE — FLY IN, FLY OUT CAMP — KARRATHA

**413. Hon JACQUI BOYDELL to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's comments yesterday about the member for Pilbara's advocacy to him on the issue of a new work camp in Karratha.

- (1) Has the member for Pilbara written to the Premier on this issue?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Premier table the correspondence?
- (3) Has the member for Pilbara met with the Premier on this issue?
- (4) If yes to (3), when and where was the meeting and who was present?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Premier advises the following.

- (1)–(4) Unfortunately, the honourable member has misinterpreted my comments. My comments below, which I will read into *Hansard*, related to how the current member for Pilbara is a far better advocate for the Pilbara as a whole than the former member for Pilbara. I again note, as I did in my answer in the other place yesterday, that the member for Warren–Blackwood was Minister for Lands when his agency LandCorp signed off on the Onslow workers' camp in January this year. My comments on the member for Pilbara's advocacy for the Pilbara in the Legislative Assembly yesterday are as follows —

The matter of a camp in the Pilbara that has been referred to is under consideration. I want to make plain to people in this house that my colleagues and I are supporters of the mining, and oil and gas industries in Western Australia. The Pilbara has no better advocate than the new member for Pilbara. I also note that the former member for Pilbara, who seemed to think his role was to lose jobs for his constituents, lost his seat. The new member for Pilbara has taken up the cause of the Pilbara. There has been no fiercer advocate for it than the new member for Pilbara.