

PERTH AND PEEL GREEN GROWTH PLAN FOR 3.5 MILLION — STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

285. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Environment:

I have a supplementary question. I take it from the minister's answer that he is saying no. Given that the last time the minister played fast and loose with environmental approvals on Roe 8, the Chief Justice sent him back to the drawing board, why is the minister trying to cut corners again?

Mr A.P. JACOB replied:

Fast and loose? This government from day one set out with an ambitious plan for conservation right across this state and more than five years of work has gone into the first attempt from any government to address the environmental challenges across the Perth and Peel region. It has been done across government in partnership with planning, land use planning and the need for infrastructure corridors. Years and years of work have gone into this program. We have just extended public consultation for another two months. We are running roadshows right around the state to inform all stakeholders, be they conservation, industry or community groups in general. An incredible amount of work has gone into this program. I object entirely to the "fast and loose" question.