

WATER CORPORATION — HERITAGE SURVEY — BUTTRESS HILL TANK SITE

3501. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to a February 2014 report received by the Water Corporation with regards to a heritage survey carried out in relation to operations at the Buttress Hill Tank Site, Leonora, and ask:

- (a) why did this report not reference a single previous heritage survey of the area in question even though several have been carried out;
- (b) why did this report not include consultation with traditional owners who were consulted during previous heritage surveys;
- (c) in particular, why was this heritage survey conducted exclusively with women when men had been consulted regarding the same area in the past;
- (d) as per the objectives outlined on page 9 of the report, were 'Other Heritage Places' considered;
- (e) will the Minister please table a list of all sites considered as a part of the preparation of this report; and
- (f) with reference to (c) and (d), was proper consultation undertaken for site ID 20015 given that it is a mythological site connected with the major men's dreaming story for Leonora?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) The consultant's report referenced heritage surveys that had been carried out in the wider Leonora area; however they were not directly referred to in the body of the report because their geographical coverage was not related to the project site in question.
- (b) The Aboriginal heritage consultants who undertook the heritage survey are recognised as appropriate people to speak for both Aboriginal Heritage and Native Title interests in the area by the Goldfields Land and Sea Council and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA).
- (c) Only one Registered Heritage site was indicated that may be impacted and that was, as recorded on the DAA Register:
 - 'Site 24133 – Women's Place – Gender restrictions – Woman Only Access'. It is appropriate to survey women for a 'Women only access' site.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) There were two (2) registered sites considered as per the objective of the Survey, as recorded on the DAA Register:
 - Site 20014 – WLNO1 Creek – Mythological – no Restrictions – Project not impacting Site area.
 - Site 24133 – Womens Place – Gender Restrictions Women Only Access – may be impacted.
- (f) The project does not impact Site 20015 therefore no consultation occurred.