

MINES AND PETROLEUM — MUNGADA RIDGE A-CLASS RESERVE

3187. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to Question without Notice 1583 asked in 2013, and ask:

- (a) has the Minister or his department written to DSO Ventures Pty Ltd at any time since 2009 seeking relinquishment of tenement M59/650 (Mungada Ridge), as agreed by the Premier in that year, and if not, why not;
- (b) did the Minister or Department receive any written commitments from DSO Ventures Pty Ltd, or Gindalbie Metals Ltd, regarding the relinquishment of M59/650;
- (c) if yes to (b), when were those commitments received and will the Minister table them; and
- (d) why has the Minister and Department refused to act on the Premier's instruction to facilitate the establishment of an A-class reserve?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

- (a) No. It is not considered to be the responsibility of the DMP to seek the relinquishment of mining tenements for conservation purposes, however the possible relinquishment of this tenement is understood to be the subject of correspondence between the tenement holder, the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- (b) Yes
- (c) On 27 March 2009 and 19 June 2009 from Gindalbie Metals Ltd.  
  
The Minister considers the written communications between DMP and Gindalbie Metals Ltd as confidential and will not table them.
- (d) The agreed process for establishment of the reserve involves the relinquishment of the tenement by Gindalbie Metals. I understand that the Department of Parks and Wildlife has approached Gindalbie Metals regarding this matter.