

ROE HIGHWAY STAGES 8 AND 9

853. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Minister for Ports:

Minister, noting the media statement from earlier today, when is the McGowan government going to be dragged to the realisation that the Roe Highway stage 8 and 9 is necessary for Perth's future and why can the minister not come to that understanding?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I want to use this opportunity.

The other day we spoke about the work that the member had done when he was the then Minister for Transport, and his vision for moving the port down to Kwinana. Today, I found another fabulous document, "Vision for the Port of Fremantle", by the said Hon Simon O'Brien, which refers to the need for a new facility to be built in the outer harbour by 2017. It is a very enlightened document, which I certainly urge members to read. What has become quite clear from the very, very detailed analysis work done by the Westport Taskforce is that Roe Highway stages 8 and 9 simply would not solve the problem. It looked at what sort of upgrades we would need to be done to Leach Highway to replicate the activity on Roe 8 and 9, and they came to the conclusion that that simply was not economically feasible.