

PORT GEOGRAPHE GROUYNE RECONFIGURATION

**988. Hon GIZ WATSON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's media statement of 16 November 2012 headed "State Government funds Port Geographe solution", which states that the government will fund the groyne reconfiguration at Port Geographe at a cost of \$28.15 million.

- (1) Why did the government not take ownership of the 500 undeveloped lots in return for funding the groyne realignment?
- (2) Who will pay for any future works, including seagrass removal or dredging, if required to maintain the immediate coastal environment and marina harbour?
- (3) What steps will the government take to avoid having to bail out any other future failed canal development in WA?
- (4) Has the government ever prosecuted the original proponent of the Port Geographe development for failure to comply with the ministerial conditions attached to its environmental approval under the Environmental Protection Act?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

The Department of Transport advises as follows.

- (1) The undeveloped land within the Port Geographe development is privately owned and currently subject to liquidation processes through administrators PPB Advisory.
- (2) It is intended that these works will be largely funded from the waterway management reserve fund currently held by the City of Busselton and established for this purpose.
- (3) The Western Australian Planning Commission reviewed and updated "Development Control Policy 1.8: Canal estates and artificial waterway developments" in May 2012. This policy strengthens the regulatory framework associated with such developments in Western Australia.
- (4) This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment.
- (5) Not applicable.