

RED HILL QUARRY — INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ISSUES

2149. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer to Identified Aboriginal Heritage site ID 24125 — Rockshelter with basal grindstone at the Hanson's Red Hill Quarry land, and ask -

- (1) Who originally identified this Aboriginal Heritage site, and when?
- (2) There are conflicting accounts of the location of this site, will the Minister confirm the exact location of this site?
- (3) Where is this site in relation to Hanson's 5.4 hectare expansion of quarrying activities currently underway?
- (4) If this is not the same location as the rock shelter site identified in the Mattner & Bergin 2007 archaeological report, has the Department of Indigenous Affairs investigated the location provided by Mattner and Bergin?
- (5) If yes to (4), what was the outcome of the investigation?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has provided the following response:

- (1) The Aboriginal heritage site DIA 24125 was first recorded by archaeologist Joe Mattner during a survey completed between 20 and 24 January 2007.
- (2) The location identified at the time of recording was GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50 412758 East, 6478832 North.
- (3) The site is approximately 120 metres north west of the boundary of the 5.4 hectare expansion area.
- (4) The site recording is as reported in the Mattner & Bergin 2007 archaeological report.
- (5)-(6) Not applicable.