

FLOODED GUM TREE DESTRUCTION — ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SITE

1934. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the destruction and devastation in mid-February of two Flooded Gum trees near the intersection of Blackadder Creek and Morrison road, a registered Aboriginal Heritage site, and ask —

- (1) Did the developer consult with the Department of Indigenous Affairs prior to cutting branches off one of these trees and destroying the other?
- (2) If yes to (1), why were the local indigenous community members not consulted about the tree lopping?
- (3) If no to (1), what action will the Department take against the developer for failing to follow the required processes when working at Aboriginal heritage sites?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has provided the following response:

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. The Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) has commenced an investigation into this matter. The Registrar of Aboriginal Sites at DIA will advise the Hon Member of the outcomes of this investigation once complete.