

ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 8 — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**1027. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Transport**

Further to my question on 11 November regarding the South Metro Connect consultation process —

- (1) In the community survey cited by the minister as revealing 73 per cent support for the extension of Roe Highway was the statement being questioned, “The Roe Highway extension is required to reduce heavy vehicles from Leach Highway and other east–west traffic routes to Fremantle port”?
- (2) If not, then what was the question?
- (3) In the survey, were residents and stakeholders given an option to state their outright opposition to the Roe Highway extension through the Beeliar wetlands?
- (4) Did the question omit to specifically mention the proposed road alignment through the wetlands?
- (5) How does the minister respond to criticism that the purpose of the consultation process is to soften the resolve and not actually find out what people want?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for notice of her question.

- (1) No.
- (2) The question that was in the survey reads, “Taking any positive and negative aspects of the Roe Highway Extension into account, based on what you know and what you heard up to now, on balance do you support or oppose the Roe Highway Extension?”
- (3) Yes—refer to (2) above.
- (4) Refer to (2) above.
- (5) The primary objective of South Metro Connect’s community and stakeholder engagement program is to involve community and stakeholders in a participative decision-making process to identify the form and specific alignment of the Roe Highway extension in consideration of the environmental heritage, social and economic values. I look forward to the member’s support.