

EASTLINK

890. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer the minister to the proposed EastLink from Perth to Northam, heralded by Main Roads as the “culmination of more than 40 years of road planning activities for the north-eastern corridor of the Perth metropolitan area and Wheatbelt.”

- (1) How many submissions were received in response to the recent public consultation exercise undertaken by the Department of Transport?
- (2) How many of those submissions raised concerns regarding heritage-listed properties?
- (3) What consideration, if any, has been given to the potential negative impacts the EastLink may have on tourism attractions in the area?
- (4) Will the minister consider a 1 000-metre setback from any such heritage and/or tourism-related properties, to mitigate any such risks?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The Department of Transport has not undertaken public consultation on EastLink; this has been led by Main Roads. An access strategy has been developed to ensure there is continued access to towns and major destinations along the route. Main Roads will comply with the requirements of the Heritage Act.