

PORTS — KIMBERLEY MARINE SUPPORT BASE

1604. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:

I refer to the proposed privately-funded Kimberley Marine Support Base (KMSB) at Broome Port and public access, previously named the ‘Kimberley Marine Offloading Facility’, the proponent of which is Kimberley Marine Support Base Pty Ltd, and I ask:

- (a) how will traffic continue to access Entrance Point beaches and boat ramps during construction and operation of KMSB;
- (b) is there a proposed deviation to the existing road to Entrance Point;
- (c) will any new deviation of the road to Entrance Point be subject to community consultation;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) will the public have access to the beach adjacent to and underneath the proposed floating jetty;
- (f) if no to (e), how will the public access the beach between the proposed floating jetty and the existing jetty;
- (g) is the Minister aware of the coral reef in the area of the proposed floating jetty construction that has over 40 species of coral;
- (h) is the Minister aware that this area of reef has not been assessed for its environmental significance; and
- (i) will the Minister ensure the proponent undertakes a survey of the reef and provide a management plan to ensure it is not damaged?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) KMSB has an obligation to ensure access to Entrance Point is maintained.
- (b) A number of concepts are being considered including a deviation on previously developed land.
- (c) Not applicable at this time.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Access to some areas will be closed off during the construction period for safety purposes.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Yes.
- (h) Yes.
- (i) KPA will seek to ensure KMSB complies with its Construction Environmental Management Plan as required.