

FLAT ROCKS WIND FARM — STAGE 2

354. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to stage 2 of the Flat Rocks wind farm development near Kojonup.

- (1) Does the minister agree with Infrastructure WA's renewable wind energy summary assessment report on stage 2 that there is limited information in the business case on quantifiable environmental benefits or impacts of the development of the wind farm at the approved location?
- (2) Is the minister aware of the very serious concerns regarding the impacts of the development held by local farmers?
- (3) Has the minister met with the local farmers to discuss those concerns?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Water.

- (1)–(3) The Water Corporation takes on board the IWA feedback as part of its ongoing planning for the project. The minister met with representatives from the Flat Rocks wind farm stakeholder group, which comprises landowners and farmers, in August 2023 to understand concerns held by some stakeholders.