

SCARBOROUGH LNG PROJECT

811. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Energy:

I have a supplementary question.

I thank the minister for his answer to that part of the question. What representations has the minister made to his federal colleagues to ensure that we do not see similar delays with future gas projects in Western Australia?

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON replied:

Nobody in Australia is more supportive of Western Australia's resources industry than Hon Madeleine King. Hon Madeleine King is an outstanding Western Australian and a massive contributor to our nation, unlike the last two federal resources ministers, who were so focused on Queensland coal projects that they forgot that most of the resources industry happens here in Western Australia. Hon Madeleine King has been quoted in the media as saying that she is examining the processes that the federal government might need to use to respond to the Federal Court decision. I hate to point this out to the member, but there is this concept called the separation of powers. The Federal Court made the decision. It was not a decision of the Commonwealth of Australia; it was a decision of the Federal Court. I have certainly spoken to Madeleine King's chief of staff a couple of times, but everything I have read that Madeleine King is doing is exactly what I think she should do. I have no additional advice to provide to Hon Madeleine King because I think she is doing an outstanding job.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.