

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE  
(Of which some notice has been given)**

**Tuesday, 8 November 2011**

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

With regard to the Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) Firetail and Solomon Hub projects on Yindjibarndi land;

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a letter (via email) dated 5 November 2011 from archaeologist Sue Singleton to the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites, which raises concerns about information provided by FMG in the section 18 application process?
  - (2) Will the Minister establish an inquiry into the conduct of FMG in this matter?
  - (3) If no to (2), why not?
  - (4) How is the Minister responding to the serious allegations raised in the letter?
  - (5) Will the Minister commence prosecution for unlawful damage or alteration of an Aboriginal site?
  - (6) If no to (5), why not, and how is the Minister responding to the complaint of unlawful damage to an Aboriginal site?
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**I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.**

- (1) Yes.
- (2)– (6) The Department of Indigenous Affairs has initiated an investigation into the matter.

The outcome of the investigation will determine any future action taken.



**Minister for Indigenous Affairs**