

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question without notice  
(of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 21 June 2012

Robin Chapple MLC to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer to submissions on the proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* and ask:

- (1) Have any submissions been determined as comments and not submissions?
  - (2) If yes to 1.) on what basis did the department make that deliberation?
  - (3) If yes to 1.) did any of those comment documents identify the content as a submissions?
  - (4) If yes to 1.) and respectively 3.) how many?
  - (5) If yes to 1.) have the authors of those submissions been advised?
  - (6) If no to 5.) why not?
  - (7) If yes to 1.) what process will be used to record, publish or address those comments?
  - (8) If none to 7.) why not?
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**I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.**

- (1) – (4) The Department of Indigenous Affairs has received a number of comments and submissions on the proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. Submissions received are generally considered more expansive than comments and/or respond to the seven specific proposals raised in the Department's Discussion Paper. All comments and submissions will be considered in the analysis and development of the final report.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) A list of people who have provided comments and submissions will be published by the Department of Indigenous Affairs on its website after submissions have closed.
- (8) Not applicable.



Minister for Indigenous Affairs