

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 18 February 2014

701. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport.

I refer to the Minister for Transport's answer to question on notice No. 277 in the Legislative Council, regarding the Broome Port Master Plan, and a notice posted by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 2 January 2014 regarding a proposal "to clear 24.55 hectares of native vegetation within Lots 616, 1221 and Port Drive Road Reserve to establish a wash-down facility, supply bases to support exploration of the Browse Basin and ancillary small businesses", and I ask:

(a) has the report into "demand analysis and infrastructure and services assessment" of the Broome Port's Master Plan that was referred to in the answer to QON 277 issued on 22 October 2013 been completed:

(i) if no to (a), why not;

(b) have the findings been considered by Cabinet:

(i) if no to (b), why not; and

(ii) if yes to (b), will the Government please table the report:

(A) if no to (ii), why not;

(c) does the land clearing and site works proposal and land use scheme referred to in the EPA notice fit with other considerations of the Broome Port Master Plan:

(i) if no to (c), why not; and

(ii) if yes to (c), please provide details; and

(d) has the proposed work been granted approval under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*?

(a) Yes

(i) Not applicable

(b) No

(i) The report is awaiting Cabinet's consideration.

(ii) Not applicable

(A) Not applicable

(c) Yes

(i) Not applicable

(ii) The Port Master Plan (presently being drafted in part upon the demand analysis document) reflects current commercial sensitivities that must remain confidential at this stage.

(d) No as there are no sites within the area to be cleared and approval is only required under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* if there is a registered site.