

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

3262. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Lands.

With regard to a business case proposal for Revetment Work to Protect and Control Erosion of Broome's Coastal Cliffs from Town Beach to Catalina's which has been submitted for Royalties for Regions funding, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister satisfied that there is sufficient understanding of the causes of erosion at the area proposed for revetment at Town Beach;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) is the Minister satisfied that the proposed revetment work would not cause erosion or other problems elsewhere along the coastline; and
- (d) if yes to (c), what evidence does the Minister have to demonstrate this?

Answer

- (a) No.
- (b) Early assessment of this proposal indicates additional information is required.
The Shire of Broome (Shire) recently completed a Broome Coastal Vulnerability Study. The proposed revetment structure should now undergo consideration within a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Plan (CHRMAP). This is in line with the Department of Planning's State Coastal Planning Policy SPP2.6 and would consider the causes and appropriate management actions to address coastal erosion issues on the Broome foreshore.

The Kimberley Development Commission is working with responsible regional and State agencies to consider the Shire business case before making a recommendation on the project. As a result, a decision has not yet been made regarding support for this proposal or its suitability.
- (c) No. The Shire will need to consider the proposal within a CHRMAP which should include an updated assessment of the revetment proposal at this location and any impacts on surrounding areas.
- (d) Not applicable.

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