

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Thursday, 11 April 2019

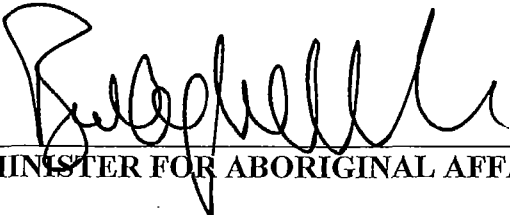
C386. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

I refer to the development of a viewing platform / walkway in Deep Gorge on Murujuga/Burrup Peninsula, which is included Burrup Peninsula National Heritage Place and I ask.

1. Has a section 18 been applied for the work and if so, has it been granted?
2. Has a detailed archaeological survey other than the July 2009 Investigation Report been provided to the previous Department of Indigenous Affairs by Jo McDonald?
3. Has the recommendation to carry out an archaeological subsurface excavation of the footing sites prior to the construction of these facilities been concluded?
4. If no to (3), why not?
5. Given the known instability of the slope to be viewed by the walkway what precautionary measures have been or will be taken to ensure that vibration from the construction work will not further dislodge petroglyphs disturbed during the construction of the North West and Pluto LNG facilities?
6. If yes to (1), who is/are the heritage professional/s that provided the department with expert advice to enable issuing a Section 18?
7. If none to (6), why was no professional expert advice considered?

Answer

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. This should be directed to the Proponent and the Traditional Owners.
4. Not Applicable.
5. The section 18 consent was issued with conditions relating to the monitoring of the works by the Traditional Owners and an archaeologist. Measures have been put in place by the Proponent in consultation with the Traditional Owners. Further queries should be directed to those parties.
6. Applied Archaeology Australia Pty Ltd.
7. Not Applicable.



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