

Question Without Notice No. 85 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **27 February 2008** by **Hon Giz Watson**

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DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO — NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING

85. Hon GIZ WATSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for State Development:

I refer to the National Heritage listing of the Dampier Archipelago on 3 July 2007 and ask —

- (1) Have the commonwealth and Western Australian governments agreed to enter into a bilateral agreement for environmental approvals of proposals with the Dampier Archipelago, including the Burrup Peninsula?
- (2) If yes, on what date was this determined?
- (3) Was there an exchange of letters or a signed agreement in respect of this?
- (4) If yes, will the minister table such letters or agreement?
- (5) Will the minister identify who initiated the request to enter into such a bilateral agreement, and the motivation for it?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No. On 26 April 2007 the then Australian Minister for the Environment and Water Resources confirmed that it was the common intention of the commonwealth and state governments to enter into an approvals bilateral agreement for the Dampier Archipelago and the Burrup Peninsula. Negotiations in good faith will be progressed to that end.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable, but see (1).
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) A mutual understanding was reached between the commonwealth and the state.