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QUESTION

MURRAY MOUTH

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:40): My question is to the Minister for Transport. Is the government going to allow recreational boating access whilst the Murray Mouth is being dredged?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, Minister Assisting the Minister for Housing and Urban Development) (15:40): That's a good question from the member for Hammond. I would anticipate that there would be some level of boating restrictions around the works that are being undertaken during dredging operations, but the extent of those restrictions, whether it is complete or whether it is needing to give a number of metres of distance between recreational vessels and the dredging operations, I would have to check and come back to the house.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:40): Supplementary, sir: will the minister at least guarantee to the house that he will put in a safe passage for recreational boating so that Goolwa does not have to suffer from a relatively huge disaster like it did in the last millennium drought?

The SPEAKER: That is unfortunate that the member should frame the question that way. Does the minister care to respond?

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, Minister Assisting the Minister for Housing and Urban Development) (15:41): Not particularly, Mr Speaker, but I guess I could. I think there are two things in that—

The Hon. J.M. Rankine interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education is warned for the first time.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: There are two things in that, Mr Speaker. One is the assumption that the only way to access the Coorong from up the river is from the Goolwa Barrage going past the Murray Mouth and, of course, that is not necessarily the case. Secondly, as I have said in my previous answer, I would have to check what the restrictions will be, whether that impacts—

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