

"I'm determined as best as I can to maintain the dignity and respect that this issue deserves," he said.

"I will have a discussion about it and about the pros and the cons after (the cross-party bill) is tabled in the parliament.

"I'm not going to have any debate and any speculation prior to that — it just brings it down — there'll be firing backwards and forwards."

Mr Enrlich said he had not had talks about a plebiscite, an idea that the Prime Minister is reportedly canvassing with senior colleagues, but pointed to previous calls for a national poll that had failed.

"If they want to put a plebiscite up as well, I know where it will fall," he said.

Peter Rabbit's mum takes own life

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said. "We know that the people most at risk after a suicide are family members," Mr Georgatos said. "Those are the people that need to be wrapped in care 24-7."

Family members are keeping a close watch on Ms Narrer's youngest son, Tyler. The eight-year-old learned of his mother's death from his grandmother, Celine Kickett, and her husband, Daniel Kickett, who have been his carers for much of his life and who were Peter's carers for most of his.

"Poor Tyler will never get over his mum and he was so close to Peter — they went to school together," Mr Kickett said.

He said that Tyler had not received any counselling since his brother's suicide, though he said the boy's school in Perth had been caring and made offers.

Police declined to name Ms Narrer yesterday but confirmed to *The Australian* that they were called to Bolton Avenue, Burswood, at the rear of Crown Perth, about 8.10am on Saturday. There, a woman was confirmed to be deceased.

"The death is not believed to be suspicious," a police spokeswoman said.

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and Des Bowen, in Hope Vale, say the road can give 'proper jobs to the younger ones'

In 2007, Galarrwuy Yunupingu signed a similar agreement with the indigenous affairs minister Mal Brough, but the deal never reached fruition. In 2009, he said the deal would have let him "in more charge than I have ever been" of his community, while providing security and certainty for the commonwealth. When the deal stalled, he said he felt like "dropping to the floor".

Gunnaji advisers express quiet confidence that a lease will be signed this time.

Senator Scullion, who will be a co-signatory to the memorandum of understanding, praised the

Gunnaji clan's "vision and leadership".

"The community-entirety, township-lease model that Gunnaji has pursued ensures local traditional owners can make decisions about their own land," Senator Scullion said.

"My focus has been to deliver a tenure system that supports better decision-making within commercial timeframes.

"If this lease model is successful, I will be keen to talk with other traditional owners to maximise the benefits of owning their own land."

The Australian understands technical amendments under way to the Aboriginal Land

ones — they can be the driver of the grader and the loader," Ms Bowen, a traditional owner of Mary Valley and Lakefield National Park, said. "I think it would be fair if it was bitumen. We all pay for the same registration."

Southern Kandi man Dion Creek, who was a member of the

Rights Act (NT) foreshadow plans for a similar leasing model at the central Australian community of Mutitjulu, next to Uluru.

When township leasing began under the Howard government, a key objective was to foster private home ownership. Even though township leases are in place in a few communities, commercial banks have been unwilling to lend, largely due to the difficulty of foreclosing on and disposing of a remote community house as an asset.

Djawa Yunupingu said getting Gunnaji people into their own homes was not a priority for the time being.

land council's negotiating committee, praised the agreement.

"There can be no longer be any excuse for our people to remain on the sidelines, when it comes to capitalising on investments for the PDR and other road networks throughout Cape York," Mr Creek said.

Fishers irate at tourist plan for seal 'invasion'

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Outrage has erupted in the fishing industry over plans by the South Australian government to build a \$112,000 seal-viewing platform as it rejects calls for a cull to stop the "rats of the sea" devouring fish stocks and attacking native animals.

Fishermen say more than 200 fur seals have infiltrated the Coorong and Murray Lakes fishery region, with the industry set to go bust within 18 months unless the government allows a cull in the face of a breeding boom.

The state Labor government is opposed to a cull because of what it might mean for South Australia's "clean, green environment" image.

Liberal agriculture parliamentary secretary Adrian Pedernick yesterday said the government had continued with an irrational course of action by proposing a seal-viewing platform at the Goolwa Barrages at a total cost of \$112,189 plus GST.

"Is this what the minister has been doing while we have an en-

vironment and fishing industry in crisis — working on a way to build tourism revenue?" he said.

"This development is simply outrageous: while we have an environment and fishing industry suffering due to the seals, we have a government who want to draw attention to them."

He said the proposed viewing platform "contrasts completely with the government's plan to spend \$100,000 on a trial of non-lethal deterrents for the fur seals.

Gary Hera-Singh, president of the Southern Fishermen's Association, has said the long-nosed fur seals, formerly known as New Zealand fur seals, were chewing through more than 500 tonnes of fish a day across South Australia.

Environment Minister Ian Hunter said the government was "opposed to culling because of the detrimental effect it would have on South Australia's reputation as having a clean, green and sustainable environment which produces premium food and wine ... We want to help the fishing industry ... preserve their reputation," he told parliament.

Project claim

notices from Mr Palmer amid ongoing delays and missed targets. The pair are involved in about 20 separate legal battles with Mr Palmer pushing on several fronts to have Citic thrown out of the project altogether.

Citic lawyer Charles Scerri QC told the court that Miner-alogy had presented a "distinct mischaracterisation" of Citic's case.

Mr Scerri said Miner-alogy's argument suggested Citic had originally paid for nothing more than empty companies.

"The proposition that Miner-alogy is putting is that Citic Group were paying \$415 million for two shelf companies," Mr Scerri said.

Citic had instead paid the money for the rights to be "entitled and enabled" to mine two billion tonnes of ore, rather than simply buying two companies with nothing more than "nice names".

The judge hearing the matter, John Chaney, reserved his decision and will likely hand down his findings in the coming weeks.