

**House of Assembly
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MURRAY RIVER BRIDGES

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:14): My question is to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure. Are any bridge structures below Lock 1 under threat of collapse as a consequence of falling river levels and, if so, what action is the government taking to preserve their structural integrity?

The Hon. P.F. CONLON (Elder—Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Energy) (15:14): I am trying to remember a report I had on a bridge structure on which we are doing some work. I would think we advised you about it. We are doing some work on a bridge structure where, I understand, one of your constituents has been camping on our land for some time and might have to be moved. We had some involvement with you on that matter, didn't we?

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: These are serious matters—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: Before we start frightening people, I am quite prepared for you to have—

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I am happy to give the member for Hammond the call to ask another question; he does not have to yell out.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: It has been a painful day for the opposition. We should show them some tolerance.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: We are building an 80,000 seat stadium with 13,000 car parks. I love the comment that it is all right to fix up footy and cricket, but the opposition spokesperson said, 'What about the soccer? They haven't got facilities.'

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I thought they built Hindmarsh stadium, sir. It is like a religious confession.

The SPEAKER: Order! The Minister for Transport is now off the question.