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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 20 July 2023: Mr Dietz took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected Proof Hansard Transcript 20 July 2023 p 111]

In relation to: SLA – Commonwealth and NSW Government EIS Report, December 2020

MR CAIN: And for each of those two—I think it is two passes that you need to get. Thank you. How have you been trying to influence the commonwealth and New South Wales governments? So throw in the New South Wales conversation, if you do not mind, in that question. Take it on notice, because obviously it is New South Wales zoned land at the moment. And so I just want to refer as well, to the ecological impact assessment report by Capital Ecology on behalf of Ginninderry, December 2020. This document, which appears to incorrectly state, that all EPBC Act environmental conditions have been complied with. Page 15, for example, states:

As demonstrated throughout this EIA, the proposed development is compliant with all of the EPBC Act approval conditions.

Have you done any—what efforts have you made to correct that false statement in that assessment report?

Mr Dietz: We will take that on notice with your original question. Thank you, Mr Cain.

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Under no circumstances have or will the Ginninderry Joint Venture (GJV) try to influence an independent assessment. There has been transparent dialogue with relevant State, Territory and Commonwealth departments at all times, including in relation to compliance with the conditions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* Approval. The statement in the Ecological Impact Assessment Report December 2020 is accurate, refer to QTON 44, no correction is required.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Yvette Berry", is written over a large, stylized blue oval.

Date:

31/07/23

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA

