



SHACKS, TULKA & ARNO BAY 15 October 2002

Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders): Will the Minister for Environment and Conservation advise when those people who paid their shack freeholding fees more than 12 months ago will receive their titles? I have constituents with shacks at Tulka and Arno Bay who have paid considerable fees over 12 months ago but who, to date, have not received their titles. A few weeks ago at the Lipson show one owner advised me that, since the changeover of government, the issue of shack freeholding appears to have stalled.

The Hon. J.D. HILL (Minister for Environment and Conservation): I can assure the member at the very begin-ning that it has not stalled under the current government. In fact, the arrangements that were in place prior to the election have been kept in place and I have instructed my officers to act on the same policy parameters that were put in place by the former government. I can absolutely assure the member that whatever arrangements were in place then are now in place. Of course, some difficulties have arisen with particular areas because of the environmental concerns and they are being worked through. In other areas, of course, there are issues to do with native title and there are also administrative issues in the way in which particular groups of shack holders are working through the issues.

However, I can get a reply for the member in terms of the area that she refers to, but I can assure the house and the member that there has been no slowdown in the process. The former government's policy, which involved the transfer into private ownership of many thousands of sites, has been a very slow process. Much detailed work has to be done, it is time consuming and the bureaucracy has worked through it in the best way it possibly can—

The Hon. D.C. Kotz interjecting:

The Hon. J.D. HILL: The member for Newland is interjecting. I cannot hear what she is saying, but I think she ought to be careful because she was responsible when this process was put in place and, if she would like, I will go through the records and let the house know the kind of systems that she put in place which we are now dealing with and which are now causing the delays to which the member for Flinders is referring.

On Monday 18 November the Minister for the Environment Hon John Hill

responded to this question please read below for his response:

In reply to **Mrs PENFOLD** (15 October).

The Hon. J.D. HILL: Considerable effort has been channelled into accelerating the freehold project to completion. I have approved the addition of two extra staff to expedite documentation, and assure you I am firmly committed to this project. The current status as of 18 October 2002, for the shack areas in question are as follows:

Arno Bay shack area

- ×The freehold process for four sites have not commenced as the department is awaiting requirements from the Less-ees (note no money has been paid).
- ×One site has outstanding documentary requirements by the lessee
- ×One site has the land grant (title) currently with the governor for signing
- ×Seven sites are completed but must have the final check prior to lodging in the Lands Titles Office.
- ×10 sites have been completed with titles issued.

Tulka and Tulka West shack area

- ×Both have been completed.