



**Legislative Council:
Brennan's Jetty (also see Liz's proposal in Reports)
25 June 2004**

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Industry, Trade and Regional Development a question about Brennan's Jetty. Leave granted.

The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK: Today I received correspondence (as did other members) from the CEO of the City of Port Lincoln, Mr Ian Burfitt, regarding the threat to public access to Brennan's Jetty at Port Lincoln. It has been discovered that 48 of the 60 piles beneath the jetty are 30 per cent solid or less. The need for repairs, which will cost some \$350 000, was described in correspondence on 18 November 2003 as 'immediate'. Under the recreational access agreement between the council and Flinders Ports, which was required as part of the sale, Flinders Ports carries public liability risk insurance to the value of \$50 million. The letter states that the council was advised that the state government had accepted public liability on structural maintenance, as well as lighting, safety barriers and fencing.

An agreement was reached between the state government and Flinders Ports to ensure access for 100 years, and this would ensure compliance with section 17(2) of the South Australian Ports (Disposal of Maritime Assets) Act 2000, which provides:

The purpose of a recreational access agreement is to preserve or enhance access by the public, free of charge, to land and facilities to which the sale/lease agreement applies.

My questions are:

1. Does the minister agree that the government has a responsibility to provide public access for recreational fishing and other activities?
2. Is he concerned about the potential impact upon the community of Port Lincoln of a closure of the wharf?
3. Does he agree that this will have a negative impact on tourism potential?
4. What action will the minister take to fix this problem?

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY (Minister for Industry, Trade and Regional Development): I will refer that question to my colleague and bring back a reply. However, I am certainly aware of the need for such measures because it was an opposition amendment—I think I moved it—when the bill supporting the sale of the ports was before the council. I think we moved amendments to ensure that there would be reasonable access in relation to activities such as recreational fishing. We actually moved those amendments. I will refer the question to the minister and bring back a reply.