

Without radio communications, the members of the brigade are effectively operating blind. At the old co-located site, the brigade was able to use the LCF equipment to monitor the dispatch-and-command channels and to build up a picture of what was happening in order to start preparing to roll out additional vehicles and equipment. At the new station the only way to monitor progress is to use the radios in any remaining trucks, but if all trucks have already been dispatched there is no way of monitoring the activity unless someone is sent to group headquarters and passes information back via a messenger or phone.

The action that I seek from the minister is to ensure that the Romsey fire station is equipped with the necessary communications equipment to allow brigade members remaining in the station to monitor the dispatch-and-command channels, enabling them to build up a picture of what is happening on the ground to better inform the need to roll out additional vehicles and equipment and also to monitor the safety of the situation.

Beaumaris Bay Fossil Site

Ms PENNICUIK (Southern Metropolitan) — My adjournment matter is for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water and relates to the Beaumaris Bay Fossil Site and the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron, which proposes to extend its existing site. A look at the website shows that the project encompasses construction of a rock breakwater wall; 120 floating marina berths; an extension of the outfall drain within the breakwater to deep water; a waterfront boardwalk on the south-west boundary; a three-lane boat ramp; a 78-berth 'dry stack' facility; pump-out facilities; car and trailer parking; a new clubhouse and function facility, including increasing the reclaimed area of seabed from 12 000 square metres to almost 16 000 square metres.

This is of great concern to many people in the community and to me. The Beaumaris fossil deposits are recognised by palaeontologists worldwide as vitally important to science. Beaumaris Bay provides unique evidence of the impact of climate change on the evolution and extinction of marine biodiversity, reveals the origins of Australia's modern marine life and represents a globally canonical site for understanding the evolution of sharks, whales and penguins.

The site establishes a timescale for the evolution of Australia's unique marsupial fauna. It is one of Australia's most prolific fossil deposits with *Lovenia woodsii* in abundant quantities. Recent discoveries in 2015 include a species of whale formerly unknown to

science, bone from the beaked whale and a rare chambered nautilus shell. Announcements of two other important fossil finds will be made soon. The site has Australia's only known co-occurrence of large land mammals with marine fauna for this time period — 7 million years to 10 million years. Fossils found include whales, dolphins, seals, penguins, sea birds including *Pelagornis*, a pelican-like bird with teeth and a 7-metre wingspan, fish, sharks, including megalodon sharks which are up to 15 metres in length, and marine invertebrates.

Beaumaris Bay has also been a focus for artists and photographers for over 100 years, attracting artists from the Heidelberg School, particularly Tom Roberts, Frederick McCubbin, Arthur Streeton, Clarice Beckett and others, and I am sure people know all about the unique artistic heritage at that site.

The Crown lease to the boat club expires on 30 June 2018. The site is just around the corner from the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary, so the action I ask of the minister is that, given the uniqueness of this site and its importance to the local and the Victorian community, she not renew the lease in 2018 so that the Crown land can be used as a science and public education precinct, in conjunction with the museum, schools and universities, for the ongoing education of the Victorian public and the world. 20:15:00

Healesville freeway reservation

Mr LEANE (Eastern Metropolitan) — My adjournment matter is directed to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water. It concerns the Healesville freeway reserve between Springvale Road and Boronia Road. I know the minister and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety are doing a fantastic job of making sure that the land is transferred from VicRoads to Parks Victoria to complete our election commitment that we would make sure this particular open space was preserved for all the community going forward. The action I seek is that, seeing this process is close to fruition, the minister invite stakeholders from the community onto an advisory group so they can help map out a short-term plan for the park and also a long-term plan to make this a fantastic park for the people of that area of Melbourne long into the future.

Diamond Creek Men's Shed

Mr ONDARCHIE (Northern Metropolitan) — My adjournment matter tonight is for the Minister for Families and Children, and it concerns the Diamond Creek Men's Shed and the failure of the government to