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Peninsula Link – Pallas Refuses to Protect ‘Westerfield’

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Mr MORRIS (Mornington) — In May in this house, and later through correspondence to the Minister for Roads and Ports, I have repeatedly urged the government to take a more responsible approach to the construction of Peninsula Link.

While I have had zero response to my comments in Parliament, I have now received, belatedly, a response not from the minister but from his chief of staff!

The response confirms that the government is not prepared to implement the recommendations of the environment effects statement and is not prepared to minimise the impact on this endangered bio-region.

There is a clear design solution but the minister is not prepared to insist on it because, in his words, “...it would not result in a significant saving of vegetation at Westerfield”.

This is typical of a government that is all talk and no action on real environmental concerns.