

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Waters asked:**

The accuracy of the description of the vegetation (Like for like) and habitat present (equal to or better) in the offsets has been disputed since the original EA was open to Public submissions up until present day, and yet no one from the Department has offered to come and discuss those contended issues with the Maules Creek Community Council. Has the Minister instructed the Department not to visit the site, or to discuss the issues with the MCCC?

**Answer:**

No. The Department did visit the site during the assessment of the project and is aware of the community's concerns in relation to this matter.