

The Sand Enduro Race and Shorebird Breeding

Ms BADGER question to MINISTER for PARKS

My question is from constituents in St Helens who are pleased to see that Parks has backed zoning changes to prohibit dogs from a section of Dianas Basin and the St Helens Conservation Area, a move that will protect threatened nesting seabirds and shorebirds. These constituents are a little bit confused, however, as dogs are being prohibited in a part of a conservation area where vehicles are permitted to drive on the beach and the annual Sand Enduro race is held at the peak of bird breeding season. Is the Reserve Activity Assessment for the Sand Enduro race, which has already taken place, now complete? On the basis of consistently protecting these birds, will you at long last collaborate with event organisers to change the race date outside of the bird breeding season?