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**Constituency questions**

**Sam Groth  (LIB)**

GROTH (Nepean) (14:51): (824) My question is to the Minister for Environment. My question relates to correspondence the minister received on 22 May this year and a further letter on 24 July this year from Beatty Hughes, acting for the Nepean Ratepayers Association. The association advise there is now new scientific evidence that the erosion of the southern end of Port Phillip has been caused by the channel deepening program, something the Labor government has been trying to deny since 2009. So much for a government which is supposedly all about the science. This is an environmental catastrophe that the Labor government has been covering up for 15 years. My question to the minister is: why has the minister not responded to my constituents who are requesting a mediation process with the government to finally resolve this environmental disaster?