PAGANONI SWAMP — REZONING

408. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the proposed rezoning near Paganoni Swamp Reserve.

(1) Will the minister support the shifting of the proposed transit-oriented development further north to ensure that Paganoni Swamp Reserve is protected from encroaching suburbia?

(2) Will the minister also support a no-development buffer zone around the sensitive natural bushland and wetland area?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

(1) Karnup station is strategically located for operational and access reasons on the north side of Paganoni Road. At this stage, no decision has been made on the future location of the associated transit-oriented development; however, the draft south metropolitan and Peel regional structure plan, which was released for public comment in 2009, identified the possible rezoning of 48 hectares of the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park, south of Paganoni Road. It is noted that the Western Australian Planning Commission owns a former market garden site north of Paganoni Road, and this land is connected to the proposed train station but is outside the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park. It is therefore unlikely that the environmentally sensitive land will be rezoned when there is an alternative site available. Greater clarity on this matter will be provided when Directions 2031 and an associated growth strategy is released shortly.

(2) The future development of any land around Karnup station would be subject to detailed planning, including the interface treatment with the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park.