

NORTH STONEVILLE DEVELOPMENT

**268. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the 18 March 2020 article by Kim Macdonald on page 54 of *The West Australian* entitled “No delay despite stoush in Stoneville”.

- (1) How will the Western Australian Planning Commission responsibly evaluate the proposed North Stoneville structure plan 34 before May this year while the commission is still reviewing “State Planning Policy 3.7: Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas” and is unlikely to conclude that work before the second half of this year?
- (2) Which impediments constrain the WAPC from deferring its consideration of the proposed North Stoneville structure plan 34 until after the revised state planning policy 3.7 is finalised and gazetted?
- (3) Given that a WAPC spokesman, when referring to the potential outcomes of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements, is quoted in the article as saying “it is anticipated there will be considerations for statutory planning throughout the process”, what specific considerations does the WAPC anticipate?
- (4) How will those considerations inform the WAPC’s efforts in the finalisation of SPP 3.7 and its deliberations on the structure plan?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) In accordance with the provisions of the statutory time frames, the structure plan is required to be considered by 30 April 2020. The WAPC will carefully consider all matters, including advice from referral authorities. This includes advice on the management of bushfire risk. The WAPC has a role to continue to make planning decisions based on the current planning framework and the best evidence available across a wide range of development matters.
- (2) The WAPC has a statutory requirement to make a decision on the structure plan within the required time frame.
- (3)–(4) The state government is awaiting an invitation from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements to contribute to the inquiry. The WAPC will monitor the royal commission’s hearings and, where possible, incorporate any relevant recommendations into SPP 3.7.