

MINING — GINGILUP–JASPER WETLAND SYSTEM

857. Hon DIANE EVERS to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the minister's response to my question without notice 1299 of 4 December 2018 and his subsequent submission to petition 98 to protect Lake Jasper.

- (1) Has the minister made any recommendations on the proposed mining exploration application or any subsequent mining applications in this area?
 - (a) If yes, what are those recommendations?
- (2) Has the government now progressed the reinstatement of land surrounding Lake Jasper into the D'Entrecasteaux National Park, consistent with the government's stated intentions?
 - (a) If yes, what steps have been taken?
 - (b) If no, when can the public expect further steps?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) No.
 - (a) Not applicable.
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) I can confirm that it is the government's intention to return the area of reserve 44705 to D'Entrecasteaux National Park. In early July 2019, I wrote to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum requesting favourable consideration of the necessary actions for the return of reserve 44705 and the inclusion of lot 100 to D'Entrecasteaux National Park. On 15 July 2019, the director general of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions requested the advice of the director general of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety on the specific actions necessary to facilitate the inclusion of these lands to the park. It should be noted that the south west native title settlement will need to take effect before these tenure changes can be completed.
 - (b) Not applicable.