

REGIONAL PARKS, MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION

150. Dr CONSTABLE to the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) What is the legal standing of the following regional parks -
 - (a) Yellagonga;
 - (b) Herdsman;
 - (c) Canning River;
 - (d) Beeliar;
 - (e) Woodman Point;
 - (f) Jandakot;
 - (g) Rockingham Lakes; and
 - (h) Darling Range?
- (2) Which Government authority has responsibility for the management and maintenance of regional parks?
- (3) Which pieces of legislation contain the relevant provisions relating to conservation of regional parks, their management plans and recognises their legal standing?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (1) Each of the eight nominated regional parks has been identified by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). They are subject to the controls and provisions of the Metropolitan Region Scheme.
- (2) Regional parks comprise a suite of reserved lands that are managed by various authorities. The Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) has been given the responsibility for preparing management plans for each park and coordinating their overall management in accordance with approved management plans. CALM manages the WAPC freehold land component of regional parks under an interagency agreement. Local Government Authorities and other agencies, including CALM, manage those components of regional parks that are controlled by them under the Land Administration Act management orders.
- (3) All regional park lands are, and will continue to be, subject to the Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act, the Environmental Protection Act and the Wildlife Conservation Act. WAPC freehold land is protected under the provisions of both the Metropolitan Region Planning Authority (Reserved Land) Regulations Act. Lands vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and the Lands and Forests Commission are protected under the CALM Act. Land placed under the care, control and management of Local Government Authorities and other agencies is also subject to the protection afforded through Acts administered by those authorities.

Proposed amendments to the CALM Act will be introduced to Parliament to legislate for the current administrative arrangements and identify regional parks as lands subject to specified provisions of the CALM Act.