

SCOTT RIVER NATIONAL PARK, INCLUSION OF RESERVES

84. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Does the Government support the inclusion of the Scott Coastal Plain Reserves (UCL 754, UCL 4973, Reserve A12951 and the UCL between Location 753 and the nature reserve at Brennan's Bridge) into the Scott National Park?
 - (2) If yes, what progress has been made towards achieving this goal?
 - (3) If not, why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The inclusion of Scott Coastal Plain Reserves (UCL 754 and 4973, Reserve A12951 and the UCL between Location 753 and the nature reserve at Brennan's Bridge) into the Scott River National Park is being supported through the Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (2) The Department of Conservation and Land Management has been actively seeking to have these reserves included in the national park. In 2000, the Department of Minerals and Energy and the Water and Rivers Commission concurrence were obtained. In mid 2000, the proposal had been referred to the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River and to the relevant Native Title claimant representative bodies for their respective endorsements.

The Shire of Augusta-Margaret River has responded to the proposal. As a result, the Department of Conservation and Land Management is negotiating with the Shire. The Shire agrees in principle but is seeking compensating gravel supplies. Both parties are endeavouring to reach agreement. No comments have been received from the Native Title claimant representative bodies as yet.

- (3) N/A