

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT — AMENDMENTS

816. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

In response to my motion of 21 August 2014, the minister stated —

The state government remains committed to addressing the long-running issue of private property rights and is currently drafting a package of legislative amendments ...

... these amendments will be introduced into Parliament by the end of this year.

Can the minister comment on the progress of the bill and confirm that it will be introduced into Parliament by the end of this year?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

Drafting of a number of proposed legislative amendments to the Environmental Protection Act remains underway. Earlier this year at the 2015–16 budget estimates hearing, the Minister for Environment advised Parliament that he hoped to introduce the amendments later this year. However, this will depend on a number of legislative priorities that the government is pursuing.