

DIEBACK - PRECAUTIONS BY WESTERN POWER TO PREVENT SPREAD

5637. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

What measures does the Minister intend to take to prevent the spread of dieback by machinery used during the construction of a new 330kv power line through state forest from Collie to the proposed eastern terminal substation?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

Western Power has approval to construct a 330 kv power line from Collie to the Wells Terminal. This was approved and conditioned under Clearing Permit 1728/1. Western Power and its contractors are required to undertake all appropriate environmental precautions relating to dieback management.

I understand that Western Power is planning the construction of a new 330kv line from the Wells Terminal to an eastern terminal substation. This proposal has not yet been formally considered by DEC or the Environmental Protection Authority. Hygiene management for jarrah dieback disease prevention would be a key consideration of any approval process.