

GNANGARA PARK, CONCEPT PLAN

72. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 78, where the Minister indicated that the Concept Plan for Gngangara Park would be finalised by July 2001 and ask: -

- (a) has the Concept Plan for Gngangara Park been finalised;
- (b) if not, what is the cause of the delay; and
- (c) if so, when will it be released for public comment?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

- (a) No.
- (b) The release of the plan was postponed due to:
 - (i) The deliberations with regard to the proposed Laminated Veneer Lumber Plant and the associated harvest planning.
 - (ii) Land management issues and timber harvest planning directly related to the drought response for water supply needs associated with drinking water and the conservation needs of threatened ecological communities that are dependent on Gngangara Mound.
- (c) It is expected that the final plan will be released approximately twelve months after the Laminated Veneer Lumber Plant negotiations have been finalised.