

NATIVE FOREST SURVEY

677. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the minister's taxpayer-funded native forest survey that appears to have influenced yesterday's announcement to end the state's native forest industry.

- (1) Were comments made yesterday by Jess Beckerling of the WA Forest Alliance to the effect that the survey elicited some 17 000 submissions, the majority of which called for the end of the native forest industry, broadly accurate?
- (2) If so, how were these results known to WAFA but unknown to anyone else considering that the data has not yet been published?
- (3) How many submissions were received from individuals or organisations domiciled in the following areas —
 - (a) the south west region of Western Australia;
 - (b) the Perth metropolitan area;
 - (c) from within Western Australia in areas excluding the two abovementioned areas;
 - (d) Australia but outside Western Australia; or
 - (e) overseas?
- (4) Will the minister table the survey result data; and, if not, why not?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I reply on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Environment.

- (1) A total of 16 944 responses were received. Ninety-five per cent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "More areas of native forest should be protected".
- (2) In informing stakeholders of the government's announcement to end native logging from 2024, a number of stakeholders requested an update on the survey results.
- (3) (a)–(e) A total of 16 944 responses were received: 64 per cent of responses were from the Perth metropolitan area and 32 per cent were from regional Western Australia; fewer than four per cent of respondents did not supply their postcodes or identified an interstate or overseas postcode.
- (4) Please refer to the "Western Australia Native Forest Survey 2021 Snapshot". The information is in tabular form, so I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

The PRESIDENT: The parliamentary secretary seeks leave to have the attachment incorporated into *Hansard*, but it cannot be incorporated into *Hansard* because of the nature of the attachment, so I invite him to table the document.

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN: I table the document.

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