

MINING — GINGILUP–JASPER WETLAND SYSTEM

979. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the Minister for Environment's response to my question without notice 857 on 15 August 2019 and the Premier's letter in February 2019 to the D'Entrecasteaux Coalition.

- (1) Given that it is the government's intention to return the area of reserve 44705 and the inclusion of lot 100 to the D'Entrecasteaux National Park, will the government commit to not approving any mining lease applications or exploration lease applications for this area?
- (2) If no, why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

- (1) No.
- (2) Reserve 44705 is managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, which is currently considering reincorporating this and surrounding land back into D'Entrecasteaux National Park. It would be premature to take any action in this area until the outcome of the assessment of reinstating that reserve and lot 100 into D'Entrecasteaux National Park is finalised.