

PAGANONI SWAMP RESERVE — TRANSPORT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

354. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Is the minister aware that the Directions 2031 paper prepared by the Department of Planning includes a proposal to slice off part of the Paganoni swamp reserve for a transport-oriented development?
- (2) Does the minister know about reports showing that the reserve is home to several threatened mammal species, such as the rare western quoll and the brush-tailed phascogale?
- (3) Has the minister informed the Minister for Planning about the environmental sensitivity of this area?
- (4) What steps will the minister take to prevent this land grab?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) I am advised by the Department of Environment and Conservation that Directions 2031 does not propose any rezoning of areas of Paganoni swamp bushland. However, there is a proposal in the southern metropolitan and Peel regional structure plan, which was released in 2009, that 48 hectares of Paganoni swamp be investigated for a possible future Karnup train station development. The report noted the significant development constraints that would need to be assessed for this to proceed. Such a change in land use would require a metropolitan region scheme amendment, which would be subject to parliamentary review and would require environmental assessment.
- (2) I am aware that the area has been identified as containing important values, including for the chuditch, or western quoll, and the brush-tailed phascogale. I am advised that both these species were confirmed as present at Paganoni in April this year by researchers from the University of Western Australia.
- (3)–(4) As identified in (1), such a change in land use would require a metropolitan region scheme amendment, which would be subject to parliamentary review and would require environmental assessment, with which I would be involved. DEC will also continue to work with the Department of Planning regarding conservation values of this bushland.

WUNGONG CATCHMENT THINNING TRIAL — CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

2. Hon GIZ WATSON to the Minister for Environment:

Further to the question without notice, which according to my notes is number 1465, relating to the Conservation Commission's performance assessment of the Wungong catchment thinning trial, I ask —

- (1) Will the minister please state on what date she received the report as requested in the previous question?
- (2) What further processes are awaiting the release of the report?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question, and I ask that she refer to Legislative Council question without notice 302.