

ROCLA — NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING LICENCE

632. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Environment:

I refer the minister to the rejected application for a native vegetation clearing licence by Rocla to clear 25 hectares for proposed sand mines at lot 6 Banksia Road, Wellard, and lots 300 and 301 Boomerang Road, Oldbury, subsequently appealed through the Office of the Appeals Convener.

- (1) Is the Appeals Convener's investigation of this matter complete, and has a report and recommendation now been received by the minister for her consideration and final decision?
- (2) If yes, what is the recommendation of the Office of the Appeals Convener?
- (3) If no to (1), when does the minister expect to receive the report?
- (4) Has the minister made a decision in relation to this matter; and, if not, when does the minister anticipate a decision will be made?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) An appeal against a decision of the Department of Environment and Conservation to refuse a permit to clear up to 25 hectares of vegetation at lot 6 Banksia Road and lots 300 and 301 Boomerang Road, Oldbury, has been received and has been investigated by the Office of the Appeals Convener. The Appeals Convener has presented me with his final report.
- (2) In accordance with normal practice, the Appeals Convener's report will be published once I have determined the appeal.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) I am yet to make a final decision with respect to this matter as I am currently considering the issues raised. The details of my decision will be communicated to the appellant and published on the Appeals Convener's website in due course.