

GREATER BUNBURY REGION SCHEME

541. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) When will the greater Bunbury region plan be finalised and gazetted?
- (2) Will private property be excluded until the current issues with landowners are resolved?
- (3) If no to (2), why not, given that in the rest of the area, these planning guidelines are required to be completed?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I thank the member for some notice of the question. The minister has provided an answer in the following terms -

- (1) The greater Bunbury region scheme is expected to be tabled in Parliament during the 2007-08 financial year when funding requirements for land acquisition and the management of regional open space have been further considered.
- (2) No. The exclusion of private property would be counter to the intent of the GBRS and schemes generally. Such action would also necessitate the whole scheme being restarted, as it would constitute a significant change and be inconsistent with environmental conditions imposed on the draft GBRS.
- (3) In its present form the GBRS is a draft. If the private land was excluded, only government land would be involved and that would defeat a significant intent of the scheme, which is to protect areas of significance for the public good. In fact, as government land is in state ownership and management, a scheme would not be needed to commit to public purpose requirements.