

WETLANDS, INCLUSION IN RAMSAR CONVENTION

394. Mr MASTERS to the Minister for the Environment:

What is the latest situation regarding the nomination of state wetlands for inclusion under the Ramsar Convention?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

I am pleased to be able to advise the member and the House that the Government has nominated another three areas for listing under the Ramsar Convention - Bacher Point near Rockingham, Lake Warden near Esperance and the Muir-Byenup complex east of Manjimup. It has also nominated extensions to existing Ramsar sites, at the Ord River floodplain, the Peel-Yalgorup system, Toolibin Lake east of Narrogin, and the Vasse-Wonnerup system near Busselton. All these nominations have been handed to the Federal Government for processing, and this action will give Western Australia the largest number of Ramsar wetlands of all the States of Australia.