

GNANGARA LAND USE AND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

834. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Was the Gngangara land use and water management strategy released for public comment in July 1999 until 30 September 1999?
- (2) Did part of the strategy assign priority 1, 2 or 3 source protection areas for land use in the Mirrabooka, Wanneroo and Gngangara underground water pollution control areas; and if yes, have those priority areas been declared under the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act; and if they have not been declared, why not?
- (3) Is a metropolitan region scheme amendment proposed to provide for the Gngangara land use and water management strategy; and if yes, when will that amendment be released for public comment?
- (4) Does the minister have a time line for the tabling of the MRS amendment for Parliament's consideration; and if yes, when does the minister anticipate tabling the MRS amendment?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am pleased to say that the minister has provided me with an answer in the following terms -

- (1) The strategy was released for public comment in late May 1999 until 30 September 1999.
- (2) Yes. The strategy recommends a revision of the existing priority classification of some areas of land over the Mirrabooka, Wanneroo and Gngangara underground water pollution control areas. The priority classification system revisions have not been gazetted by the Water and Rivers Commission under the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act as the commission is awaiting the outcome of public advertising and public submissions and the gazettal of metropolitan region scheme amendment No 1036/33 to be certain that the proposal to include all priority 1 areas in a water catchment reservation and all priority 2 areas in a rural water protection zone will be agreed to by the public, the Western Australian Planning Commission, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Parliament.
- (3) Yes, when the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure approves its advertising for public comment.
- (4) The minister will not have a time line for tabling the MRS amendment in Parliament until she has given consent for public advertising for submissions and the Western Australian Planning Commission has considered those submissions and provided the minister with its recommendations.