

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 27 October 2022


1082. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the draft *Forest Management Plan*, and I ask:

- (a) how many hectares of forest does the Government anticipate will be cleared for mining purposes in each year of the new *Forest Management Plan*; and
- (b) for each year of the 2014-2023 *Forest Management Plan*, how many hectares of forest were cleared for mining purposes?

Answer

- a) The annual anticipated area of clearing for mining within State forest is not determined by the *Forest Management Plan*, and so is difficult to estimate for the years 2024 to 2033. Based on approved mining operations it is anticipated that the area cleared annually would be similar to areas cleared over the last 10 years (see answer to question 2). However, further mining proposals may be approved under relevant legislation such as the *Mining Act 1978* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- b) See tabled paper no. #. The table provides the area (hectares) of forest cleared for mining purposes in the *Forest Management Plan 2014-2023* area for the years 2014–2021.

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The below table provides the area (hectares) of forest cleared for mining purposes in the *Forest Management Plan 2014-2023* area for the years 2014 to 2021.

Year	Area* cleared (hectares)
2014	980
2015	1,030
2016	900
2017	980
2018	900
2019	1,270
2020	870
2021	730

*Areas are rounded to nearest 10 hectares