

**STATE FORESTS 22 AND 38**

*Partial Revocation of Dedication - Motion*

Resumed from 28 November on the following motion moved by Mr D.A. Templeman (Minister for the Environment) -

That the proposal for the partial revocation of state forests 22 and 38, laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, 20 November 2007, by command of His Excellency the Governor be carried out.

**MR A.J. SIMPSON (Serpentine-Jarrahdale)** [10.24 am]: I refer to the reclaiming of land in state forests. The opposition supports this motion, which corrects anomalies in the state forests' boundaries. I was interested to read about the anomaly in my electorate involving Mr Smith, who has part of his shed and house on state forest land. That anomaly will be rectified by this motion.

Other interesting anomalies include the land that Bussell Highway traverses on its route into Busselton and part of the land on which the primary school at Manjimup is sited. The motion picks up those small anomalies that occur with progress and that mean the government is required to present a motion such as this. The opposition supports the motion.

**MR T. BUSWELL (Vasse - Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** [10.25 am]: I will make a couple of quick comments on this motion. A small section of state forest in my soon to be expanded electorate of Vasse will, by this motion, now become road reserve. The only point of interest I raise is that the particular road that was originally called the Busselton Bypass, which is a fantastic road extension, was completed at least five years ago. I am intrigued that through this process it has taken such a long time to excise the road reserve from the state forests. I would be interested to hear the minister inform the house of the normal process. I am not being critical. It is a good piece of road because it takes the traffic out of the tuart forest, which is a dangerous piece of road and the traffic has been slowed down -

**Mr R.C. Kucera:** You could get a job marking the trees with an axe.

**Mr T. BUSWELL:** My little axe. I will pick up the member's hamburger wrappers while I am at it. We have a Hungry Jack's in Busselton, but it might not be close enough to the police station to suit the member for Yokine's purposes.

Notwithstanding that, it is an interesting anomaly and I would like the minister to explain how the road can be constructed through the state forest without the road reserve being created. I am aware that these things happen.

Heaven forbid, when I was on the Shire of Busselton we approved a restaurant that was built supposedly on a reserve controlled by the shire that we later discovered was a road reserve. It is funny what a surveyor with a theodolite - I not sure whether that is what surveyors use - will determine. I would be interested in an answer from the minister, even if it is only one sentence. I reiterate that this is not a criticism; it is just an observation.

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah - Minister for the Environment)** [10.27 am]: I thank the member for Serpentine-Jarrahdale and the member for Vasse for their contributions. The answer to the member for Vasse's query is that there was an anomaly in the process. The information I have on the road the member mentioned is that it was surveyed many years ago. Of course, with excisions today we must follow this process through Parliament.

**Mr T. Buswell:** This weekend is the Busselton ironman competition and when cyclists do that 180-kilometre leg, they go up and down the old piece of road. They avoid this new road. It is only a 180-kilometre cycle ride, a four-kilometre swim and a 42-kilometre run.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** I am sure the participants will enjoy that event, which I understand is a successful event in the south west.

**Mr T. Buswell:** They never seem to be too happy at the end.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Right. My explanation is highlighted in the speech I gave when I moved this motion yesterday. This motion relates to state forests 22 and 38. As the member for Serpentine-Jarrahdale highlighted, the partial revocation of state forest 22 corrects an anomaly. Again, both these motions are supported by the Conservation Commission of Western Australia, the vesting body for state forests. They are simple matters and I ask for the house's support.

Question put and passed.

*Request for Council's Concurrence - Motion*

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**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah - Minister for the Environment)** [10.29 am]: In light of that motion being carried, I now move -

That the Legislative Council be acquainted accordingly and requested to agree to a similar resolution.

Question put and passed, and a message accordingly transmitted to the Council.