

GREATER BUNBURY REGION SCHEME - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY
RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF TWIN RIVERS

2667. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the determination on appeals regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's report and recommendations on the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme, announced on 7 December 2004, and I ask:

- (1) Was any further information provided by the Minister or any agencies regarding the decision in respect of Twin Rivers at the time of the announcement on 7 December 2004 or thereafter; and
 - (a) if so, when;
 - (b) in what format; and
 - (c) will the Minister provide a copy of any such information?
- (2) Apart from the announcement on 7 December 2004, what other information was made available publicly regarding:
 - (a) the Twin Rivers appeal decision; and
 - (b) the reasons for that decision?
- (3) What, precisely, was the appeal decision regarding Twin Rivers and when was that decision made?
- (4) On what date was the appellant advised of that decision?
- (5) Why was the EPA's recommendation that all of the Twin Rivers site should be reserved, rejected?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) The previous Minister for Environment determined the appeals against the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme including the Twin Rivers area on 30 November 2004.
- (2) The Minister wrote to all appellants notifying them of her appeal decision on 30 November 2004
- (3) The Minister determined that the area of Regional Open Space (ROS) as proposed in the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme was inadequate and that it should be expanded so that a larger area of the upland vegetation is added to the proposed ROS to provide for a more effective and sustainable conservation reserve. This involved widening the proposed regional open space boundary at the southern and northern ends of the site, and expanding the regional open space westwards to ensure that a larger area of upland vegetation is retained.
- (4) See 2.
- (5) The Minister determined that an appropriate conservation outcome could be delivered without requiring the whole of the site to be set aside for conservation as recommended by the EPA but needed to be larger than that proposed in the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme for Regional Open Space. This area would provide protection of the conservation category wetland, all of the Swan complex vegetation, all of the known declared rare and priority flora on the site and an adequate area of Karrakatta Central and South vegetation.