

MINERAL SAND MINE, LAKE JASPER

46. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Does the Minister intend to refer the proposed mineral sand mine adjacent to Lake Jasper to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment for consideration under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*?
 - (2) Is the proposed mineral sand mine adjacent to Lake Jasper a proposal which is likely to have a significant impact on a listed matter of national environmental significance?
 - (3) If not, why not?
 - (4) What listed threatened or endangered or vulnerable species and ecological communities may be impacted upon by the proposed mineral sand mine adjacent to Lake Jasper?
 - (5) What listed migratory species may be impacted upon by the proposed mineral sand mine adjacent to Lake Jasper?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 it is the proponent's responsibility to refer a proposal to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment.
- (2) This is a matter that requires a decision by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment. The proponent is in the process of carrying out environmental surveys and studies as a requirement of the State's Environmental Impact Assessment of this proposal. The results of these surveys and studies will provide the Commonwealth Minister with the information needed to make this decision.
- (3) Please refer to previous answer.
- (4) Please refer to previous answer.
- (5) Please refer to previous answer.