

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY (SOUTH WEST AGRICULTURAL ZONE WETLANDS),
GAZETTAL

310. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) When was the Environmental Protection Policy (SW Agricultural Zone Wetlands) gazetted?
 - (2) How many wetlands are listed for protection under this policy and which ones are they?
 - (3) Has the Department of Conservation and Land Management refused to list all of the publicly owned wetlands covered by this policy and if so which ones are they?
 - (4) If yes, why has CALM refused to cooperate with the EPA on this important issue?
 - (5) What action does the Minister intend to take to rectify this situation?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

1. 20 December 1997.
2. One. Lake Monjingup, Shire of Esperance.
3. Listing was considered by the former National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and the Lands and Forest Commission. The two vesting bodies declined to nominate wetlands on national parks, nature reserves, conservation parks and State forest as they took the view that such wetlands were already adequately protected.
4. See (3).
5. I understand the Conservation Commission of Western Australia intends to consider this matter. The Conservation Commission is the successor to the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and the Lands and Forest Commission.