

NATURE POSITIVE — COMMONWEALTH REFORM

**49. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the risks being imposed by the commonwealth's Nature Positive reforms.

- (1) Has the minister made any representations to the commonwealth about the impact of duplicating an environmental protection agency at the commonwealth level?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the nature of those representations?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Yes, I have met with Hon Tanya Plibersek about the Nature Positive reforms multiple times, most recently last week in Perth.
- (2) Western Australia has sought to understand the intent and implementation of the commonwealth's Nature Positive reforms, particularly the implications for Western Australia. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has coordinated feedback of Western Australian departments to the commonwealth, aiming to guide the design towards a system that protects the environment and streamlines the approvals process in the state.