

MUNDIJONG TOWN SITE, REZONING

562. Ms MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the Minister's refusal to approve an amendment to the Serpentine-Jarrahdale Town Planning Scheme that rezoned land in the proposed Mundijong town cells to urban and urban deferred when the shire was directed to make those changes by the Western Australian Planning Commission and ask will the Minister explain why that rezoning was not approved?

Mr KIERATH replied:

The Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) depicts the proposed Mundijong townsite cell as zoned partly "Urban" and partly "Urban Deferred". The "Urban Deferred" zone was adopted for the eastern part of the cell due to the existence of mineral sand, which is of considerable value to Western Australia, and the need to consider recovery of that resource. As the planning legislation requires a local government to bring its town planning scheme into conformity with the MRS, the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale initiated Amendment No.69 to its Town Planning Scheme No.2 (TPS No.2). At the time of considering the finalisation of Amendment No.69, I took into account a variety of factors, including the ongoing need to consider recovery of the mineral resource, and the need for additional land for residential development in the South-east corridor of the Metropolitan Region. TPS No.2 now depicts the western segment of the cell as "Residential Development" zone, and most of the eastern segment of the cell as "Rural" zone. The "Rural" zone comprises the area the subject of the mineral resource. A "Rural" zone in a local government town planning scheme is an acceptable designation for land which is zoned "Urban Deferred" in the MRS.