

ENVIRONMENT, ACID SULPHATE SOILS

2271. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) Is the Minister for the Environment aware of any projects in Western Australia operational or proposed, that entails disturbance of acid sulphate soils?
- (2) If so, which ones are they?
- (3) Has a National Strategy for the Management of Acid Sulphate Soils been finalised?
- (4) If yes, has the State Government adopted the strategy and will the minister table a copy?
- (5) If not, what has been the cause of the delay?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) Yes, there are projects within Western Australia where the disturbance of potentially acid sulphate soils has, or is being, considered as an environmental issue.
- (2) The projects are the Jangardup South and Jangardup Extension projects, the Derby Tidal Power Project, and the Beenup Mineral Sand Mine.
- (3) Yes, the National Strategy for the Management of Coastal Acid Sulphate Soils was endorsed by the Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand on 6 August 1999.
- (4) Yes, the State Government has adopted the strategy and has formed a working group to address the roles and responsibilities for the State Government as set out in the national strategy. The national strategy is available on the Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand internet website. I have a copy of this document from that source. [See paper No 123.]
- (5) Not applicable.