

*FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024–2033* — SIGN-OFF

**1412. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the forest management plan and note that there are only about 50 days until the end of the term of the current FMP.

- (1) Has the minister received the report on appeals against EPA report 1745 from the Appeals Convenor; and, if not, when does he expect to receive it?
- (2) Does the minister expect to have the FMP signed off and gazetted prior to 31 December 2023?
- (3) Does the minister have a contingency plan in place if the FMP is not signed off prior to 31 December?
- (4) If yes to (3), can the minister outline the contingency plan?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

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

- (1) The appeals committee is expected to report to the Minister for Environment by the end of November 2023.
- (2)–(3) Yes.
- (4) The Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 provides that a management plan that would otherwise expire shall, unless it is revoked, remain in force until a new plan is approved. The *Forest management plan 2014–2023* will remain in effect until such time as it is revoked and *Forest management plan 2024–2033* is approved by the Minister for Environment and published in the *Government Gazette*.