

D'ENTRECASTEAUX NATIONAL PARK, WORLD HERITAGE LISTING

87. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Does the Government intend to nominate the D'Entrecasteaux National Park for World Heritage listing?
- (2) If yes, when does the Government expect to have this nomination completed?
- (3) Does the Government intend to nominate the Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System in the D'Entrecasteaux National Park for RAMSAR listing?
- (4) If yes, when does the Government expect to have this nomination completed?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1)-(2) The Government's 'ecotourism strategy for WA' policy commits to pursuing or investigating a number of areas for World Heritage listing but these do not include the D'Entrecasteaux National Park.
- (3)-(4) The Government has committed to continue the process of nominating significant wetlands for inclusion on the Ramsar Convention list of Wetlands of International Importance. The process of identifying wetlands suitable for nomination is lengthy. It involves consideration of wetland values, Ramsar criteria, tenure, management, resource use and planning issues, stakeholder consultation and negotiation with the Federal Government. The Government expects to receive advice on possible future nominations from the Department of Conservation and Land Management during its current term. The Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System will be given consideration during that process.