

CONSERVATION RESERVES, YARLOOP

916. Hon Jim Scott to the Attorney General representing the Minister for the Environment:

In relation to Reserves No. 31900, 31901 and A22307 at Yarloop and the Minister for the Environment's intention of vesting them in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority for conservation purposes in 1997 -

- (1) Has this occurred?
- (2) If yes, on what date?
- (3) If not, what has been the cause of the delay?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Department of Minerals and Energy has not given its clearance to the proposal, and discussions are continuing between CALM and Main Roads Western Australia about the proposed widening of the South-West Highway in the vicinity of the reserves. With regard to reserve 31900, CALM is discussing with the Shire of Harvey and mining interests the proposal that the reserve should be vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority once mining in the reserve is completed and rehabilitation has been carried out.