

WETLANDS, RECTIFICATION PLANS

1953. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Did the Government promise to prepare rectification plans for wetlands where ecological values are being eroded?
- (2) For which wetlands have such plans been prepared?
- (3) Have these plans been implemented?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)-(3) The preparation of rectification plans is built into overall management planning for key wetlands. The Government has continued the process of identification and targeted recovery of natural diversity recovery catchments, which now include Toolibin Lake, Lake Muir-Unicup, Lake Warden, Lake Bryde, Buntine-Marchagee and Drummond. Rectification of Toolibin Lake in particular has been noteworthy, winning national recognition. The Government has also continued a program of funding for recovery management of key wetlands under the State Wetlands Policy. Wetlands that have received funding include the Lower Ord wetland system, Eighty Mile Beach and Roebuck Bay in the Kimberley Region, Millstream in the Pilbara Region, Rowles Lagoon System in the Goldfields Region, Becher Point wetlands, Alfred Cove tidal wetlands, Brixten Street wetlands and Forrestdale Lake in the Swan Region, Vasse Wonnerup and Lake McLarty in the South West Region, and Lake Warden in the South Coast Region.