

LANDS — CARBON FARMING APPROVALS

1461. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 1422, answered on 14 November 2023.

- (1) How many pastoralists of the 18 carbon farming proposals that are yet to be approved are on pastoral stations?
- (2) Are proposals being delayed on account of conflicting proposals for hydrogen production?
- (3) Is the state still supporting human-induced regeneration on pastoral leases where a diversification lease is not being sought?
- (4) Is the minister aware that some proposals in the Gascoyne region have been waiting for approval for over 12 months?
- (5) Is the minister aware that delays are putting the projects at risk, given the Clean Energy Regulator imposes a deadline by which all consents must be provided or a project is deregistered?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Lands.

- (1)–(5) The state will only consider eligible interest holder consent for human-induced regeneration carbon projects that are on pastoral leases. All active and proposed land uses, including hydrogen projects, if applicable, are considered when assessing proposals. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage encourages carbon proponents to seek the state's eligible interest holder consent at the earliest possible stage. The human-induced regeneration method, under the federal Australian carbon credit units scheme, concluded in October 2023. No new projects can be registered under this method; however, projects already conditionally registered on pastoral leases seeking the state's eligible interest holder consent are still being considered.