

TUART FOREST NATIONAL PARK, MANAGEMENT PLAN

295. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Did Cable Sands offer financial assistance to CALM for the preparation of a management plan for the Tuart Forest National Park and areas of state forest?
 - (2) If yes, how much was that financial offer and when did Cable Sands give CALM the money?
 - (3) Has a management plan for the Tuart Forest National Park and areas of state forest been started?
 - (4) If not, why not?
 - (5) When will the management plan for the Tuart Forest National Park and areas of state forest be completed?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Cable Sands offered the Department of Conservation and Land Management \$50,000 to assist with the preparation of a management plan for the Tuart Forest National Park and areas of State forest contingent upon the commencement of mineral sands mining. The purpose of the offer was to accelerate the development of the management plan so the mining and rehabilitation would reside within a land use planning context and as an offset for any impact of mining. If the mine does not proceed the reason for the financial contribution would not exist.
- (2) The Environmental Review and Management Plan for the proposed mine is still under consideration and so no approval to mine has been given. Cable Sands has therefore not yet provided the \$50,000 to the Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (3) No.
- (4) The preparation of all management plans proceeds according to an annual schedule determined by a combination of priorities and resource availability. Priorities are decided by Government policy, the status of threats to natural values, pressures of use and other variable influences that might create synergies or other advantages for the prioritisation. The current listing places the Tuart Forest National Park fourth on the regional schedule, after St John's Brook, Preston-Noggerup and the Blackwood River suite of new national parks.
- (5) It is not possible to give a precise estimate of the time when the Tuart Forest National Park management plan might be completed as the complexities encountered when preparing any plan cannot be predicted with reliability.