

BEELIAR REGIONAL PARK, MANAGEMENT PLAN

1229. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) When was the Beeliar Regional Park established?
- (2) Has the Management Plan for the Beeliar Regional Park been completed?
- (3) If yes, when?
- (4) If not, what work has been done towards completing this Management Plan?
- (5) When was the draft Management Plan released for public comment?
- (6) How many of the eight Regional Parks have completed Management Plans?
- (7) Does the Government have any plans to expand the Regional Park system?
- (8) If yes, what are they?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Beeliar Regional Park was recognised as a formal entity in May 1997.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) A draft management plan has been completed which included extensive community consultation. The draft management plan was released for public comment for a period of three months. The Department of Conservation and Land Management has commenced preparing the Analysis of Public Submissions document and anticipates finalising the management plan in 2004.
- (5) November 2001.
- (6) Two – Canning River Regional Park and Yellagonga Regional Park.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) The Government has commenced planning for the establishment of Peel Regional Park (through the Department for Planning and Infrastructure). The Government is also investigating the potential to expand the regional park system in the Greater Bunbury Region as well as in the Perth Metropolitan Region. In Bunbury, the regional park system is being considered in relation to the proposed Greater Bunbury Region Scheme.

Expansion of the regional park system in the Perth Metropolitan Region would be guided by previous State Government planning such as the Conservation Reserves for Western Australia, The Darling System – System 6 (1983) report, Metroplan (1990), Bush Forever (2000), Perth's Greenways (1998) and Gnangara Park (1999).

Planning for possible regional parks on the Swan /Helena Rivers and the east Wanneroo chain of wetlands have commenced but are at a very preliminary stage.