

NEERABUP NATIONAL PARK, EXCISION AND INCORPORATION OF LAND

407. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to question on notice 21 of May 22 2001 -

- (1) How much of the approximately 525 hectares of privately held land has now been incorporated into the Neerabup National Park as compensation for lands excised under the *Reserves (Neerabup National Park) Bill 2000*?
- (2) How much of the approximately 47 hectares of existing 'reserved' land has been incorporated into the National Park as compensation for lands excised under the *Reserves (Neerabup National Park) Bill 2000*?
- (3) Will the Minister table any maps which identifies the land incorporated, or planned to be incorporated, into the National Park as part of this land swap?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any proposed road corridors through the Neerabup National Park which will require further excisions?
- (5) If so, what are they?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) At present none of the 525 ha of privately held land has been incorporated into the Neerabup National Park as compensation for lands excised under the Reserves (Neerabup National Park) Bill 2000.

However, the Western Australian Planning Commission has acquired the 6.2 ha Lot 999 (previously named Swan Location 9630) located to the north of Burns Beach Road. This land is currently in the process of being incorporated into the park. The then Minister for the Environment and the precursor to the Conservation Commission of WA, the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority (NPNCA), supported this addition of land. The Department of Land Administration (DOLA) is progressing this matter. DOLA is intending to advertise this proposal in a Statewide newspaper as required under Section 45 (5) of the Land Administration Act 1997.

There are a number of privately held lots which have been reserved for 'parks and recreation' under previous Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) Amendments. The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is currently negotiating the purchase of some further areas of land. As land is purchased by the WAPC, it will be progressively referred to the Department of Conservation and Land Management to seek the Conservation Commission of WA's (CCWA) approval for addition to the park.

There are also a number of freehold lots recommended for addition to the park in the Clarkson-Butler MRS Amendment (No.992/33). When this amendment is approved, the funds will become available to the WAPC to progressively purchase these properties. The WAPC will contact the Department of Conservation and Land Management regarding vesting in the CCWA as a national park.

- (2) Presently none of the 47 hectares of existing 'reserved' land has been incorporated into the national park as compensation for lands excised under the Reserves (Neerabup National Park) Bill 2000.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management is currently in the process of seeking to have Crown Reserves 13713, 25252 and 25253 vested with the CCWA for incorporation into the park. These reserves are presently vested with the City of Wanneroo.

- (3) For details of the proposed additions into the national park please refer to the North-West Corridor Structure Plan (1991), Figure 7 pg 55 and the Clarkson-Butler MRS Amendment (No 992/33), Figures 1 and 2. These documents are available from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Wellington Street Perth.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) There are two proposed east west road corridors through the Neerabup National Park which will require further excisions. - Hester Avenue and Neerabup Road. The Clarkson-Butler MRS Amendment (No 992/33) contains the proposal to reserve these two roads between the Mitchell Freeway and Wanneroo Road for 'Other Regional Roads'. At present this MRS Amendment is yet to be formally approved.